

ALMOST FORGOTTEN

Cartoon
Pen and Inklings
of the
Old Santa Clara Valley
by a native

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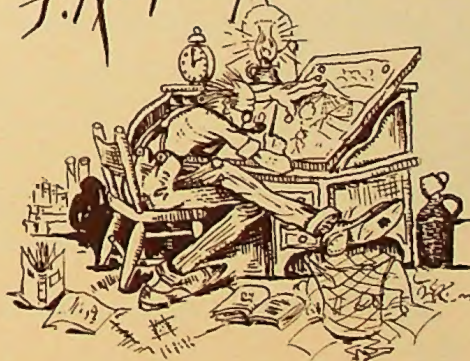
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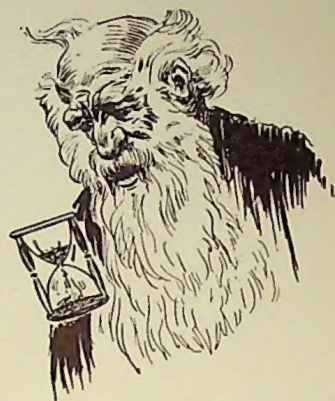


BE THANKFUL THE "ETERNAL MOUNTAINS" STILL EMBRACE OUR EXPLOSIVE VALLEY! OTHERWISE ALL ELSE HAS LONG BEEN CHANGED. FOR NOSTALGIC OR INFORMATIVE REVIVAL, WE CAN ONLY QUOTE HISTORY OR OLD MEMORIES. THE GENERALLY AUTHENTIC CARTOONS AND BRIEF COMMENTS ARE FOR INQUIRING YOUNG PEOPLE, INQUISITIVE NEW-COMERS AND THE FEW OLD-TIMERS WHO STILL REMEMBER. IF AT TIMES OUR SUBJECT MAY SEEM LIGHTLY TREATED, BE ASSURED THROUGHOUT THIS ATTEMPTED PRESERVATION AT LEAST WE AIMED FOR THE *TRUTH*.

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Discovery



WE MUST DEVOTE AT LEAST ONE BRIEF PAGE TO A WHITE MAN'S FIRST VIEW OF THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY. PURELY ACCIDENTAL, IT WAS INTERESTING BECAUSE IT INVOLVED A USELESS MAP, A LOST BAY AND IN FINAL SCENES, A DAILY DIET OF MULE MEAT! ♡ WHILE FOUNDING THE FIRST MISSION IN SAN DIEGO IN 1769, FATHER SERRA DISPATCHED A PARTY OF EXPLORERS TO REDISCOVER



MONTEREY BAY, SEEN AND MAPPED BY VIZCAÍNO 160 YEARS PREVIOUSLY. THE PARTY CONSISTED OF 64 MEN LEAD BY CAPTAIN PORTOLÁ WITH FOLLOWERS, FR. CRESPI AND GÓMEZ, SGT. ORTEGA, SOLDIERS, MULETEERS AND INDIAN SCOUTS. FORTUNATELY FOR US BOTH CAPTAIN AND PRIESTS KEPT EXCELLENT DIARIES. THEY LEFT SAN DIEGO, JULY 14, 1769 AND THEIR TRIP TO THE BAY REGION WE NOW COUNT IN HOURS, CONSUMED FOUR MONTHS. UNTIL THEY REACHED THE RUGGED SANTA LUCIA MOUNTAINS THEY HUNG CLOSE TO THE COAST. INDIANS WERE MET BUT GENERALLY FRIENDLY, OFTEN PROVIDING LIFE SAVING FOOD. ♡ THROUGHOUT THIS WILDERNESS, PORTOLÁ AND THE PRIESTS LEFT ENDURING PLACE NAMES, BOTH SACRED AND POETIC; FOR INSTANCE, AN INDIAN PRESENTED PORTOLÁ, CAMPED

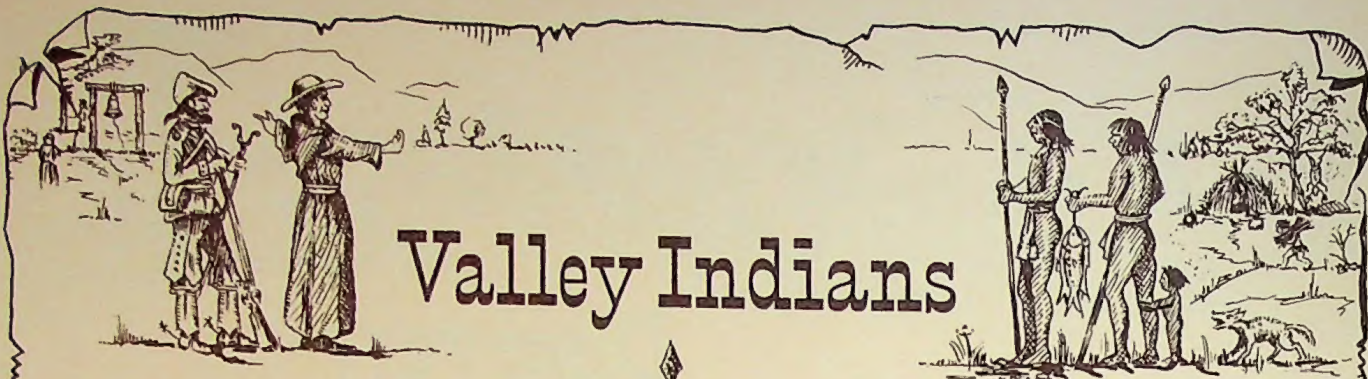


NEAR PRESENT WATSONVILLE WITH A "STUFFED BIRD." (EAGLE?) THE CAPTAIN PROMPTLY NAMED RIVER AND VALLEY "PAJARO," (BIRD). ♡ BUT BACK AT THE SANTA LUCIAS THEY HAD TO TURN INLAND AND CROSS THE SALINAS VALLEY. HERE WAS WHERE THE TROUBLE STARTED. THEY MISTOOK THE SALINAS FOR THE CARMEL RIVER AND VIZCAÍNO'S MAP BECAME BITTERLY CONFUSING TO THE DISGUSTED PORTOLÁ. FINALLY HE GAVE UP AND PUSHED NORTHWARD PAUSING IN ADMIRATION TO NAME SOME TALL, STRANGE TREES, "PALO COLORADOS," OUR REDWOODS. ♡ ILL, HALF STARVED AND SCURVY RIDDEN, THEY CAMPED NEAR HALF MOON BAY OR PESCADERO. PORTOLÁ SENT TWO SOLDIERS INTO

THE EASTERN HILLS ON A DEER HUNT. NOV. 2, 1769, THESE TWO MEN REACHED THE SUMMIT OF MONTARA MOUNTAIN AND ENJOYED THE WHITE MAN'S FIRST VIEW OF SANTA CLARA VALLEY. EXCITEDLY THEY REPORTED THIS INLAND PARADISE AND LAND LOCKED HARBOR. DOUR PORTOLÁ WAS UNIMPRESSED BUT DID SCOUT THE BAY REGION BEFORE TURNING HOMEWARD AND ANOTHER FRUITLESS SEARCH FOR MONTEREY BAY. (AGAIN BEFORE HIS EYES!) FINALLY, "ALL SMELLING FRIGHTFULLY OF MULE," THEY REACHED SAN DIEGO, JAN. 24, 1770. FR. SERRA HAD EXPECTED RESULTS AND TO PORTOLÁ'S EXCUSES FOR THE LOST BAY, HE MADE THIS DRY REMARK

"YOU HAVE BEEN TO ROME WITHOUT SEEING THE POPE"



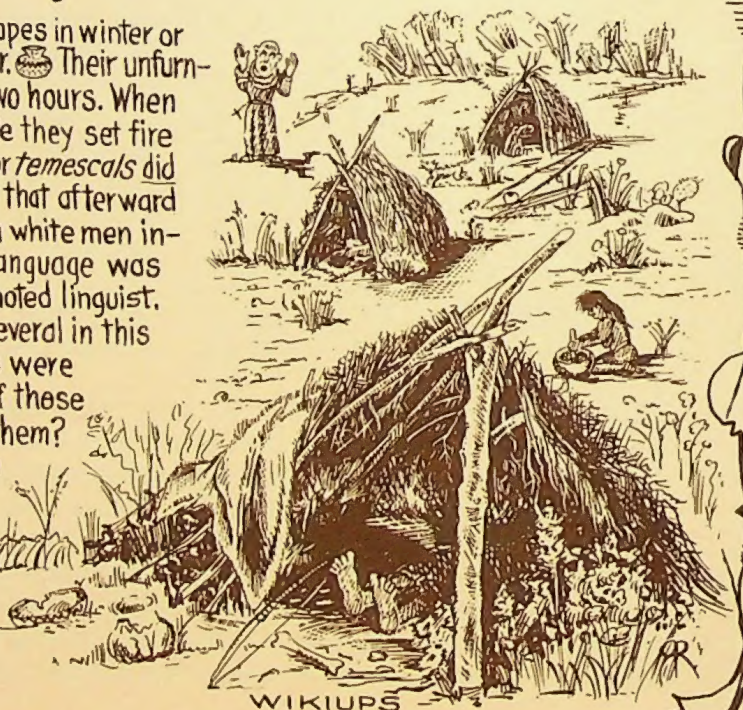


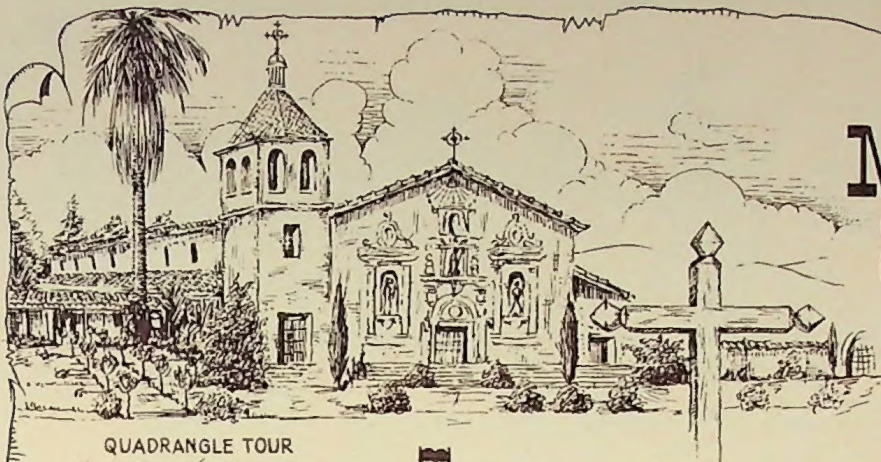
Valley Indians

Our Santa Clara Valley Indian could not be called a "noble red man". He was not noble or red. Actually his color was "between a dull gray and black" due mostly to dirt. He was lazy, had no military ability and was not ferocious. The padres complained that the majority were too plain stupid to learn the Catechism. Main reasons for their degenerate state was the temperate climate, fertile soil and abundant food. The Coyote, Guadalupe and other creeks ran year round and were alive with trout and salmon. Small game abounded, with antelope, deer and bear in the mountains. The Alviso marshes had ducks, clams and mussels procured from crude tule rafts. Great oaks covered all the valley floor and hence came their staple diet of acorn flour mush flavored with rabbit meat, field mice, and dried grasshoppers. Then in the spring they

turned vegetarian, "feeding like cattle on grass and herbage" (Remember our Indian lettuce, wild mustard and turnip today.) Despite all this provender, they were so confounded lazy they preferred spoiled food to fresh! Historians vary in opinion as to their mysterious origin and are divided between the Aztec and Asiatic-Aleutian Peninsula theories. Some did have an oriental appearance. The race averaged 5 feet 8 inches in height with low retreating foreheads, black eyes, wide nostrils and hair kept short by singeing. They plucked their whiskers with split twigs or clam shells and painted or tattooed their bodies. The red cinnabar from caves in Almaden hills was their favorite cosmetic even if it did salivate them. Clothing amounted to little or nothing; as Fr. Crespi notes in his diary "most of the men were naked as Adam".

Women wore buckskin, rabbit or deer skin capes in winter or settled for an abbreviated tule apron in summer. Their unfurnished homes or wikiups could be built in two hours. When the fleas and other filth became unbearable they set fire to "home" and moved on. Their sweat houses or *temescals* did relieve skin troubles and rheumatism but that afterward cold plunge in creek often proved fatal when white men introduced measles and smallpox. Their language was "copious, elegant, abundant," wrote Fr. Cuesta, noted linguist. There were 135 dialects in California and several in this Valley. Like these gentle people, their words were poetic and sentimental. What became of these "Children of Nature" as the Padres called them? We could say they were swallowed by the wave of civilization. Not exactly. The Catholic Fathers gave them food, clothes and salvation. Our early settlers gave them whiskey, venereal disease and smallpox. Exit Valley Indian.



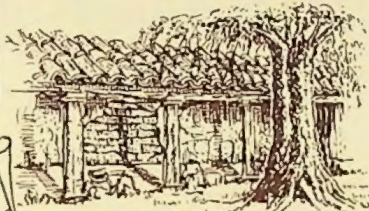


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QUADRANGLE TOUR



CELL OF FR. MAGIN CATALA



ORIGINAL ADOBE AND OLIVE TREES (1822)



GIANT TRELLISED WISTERIA

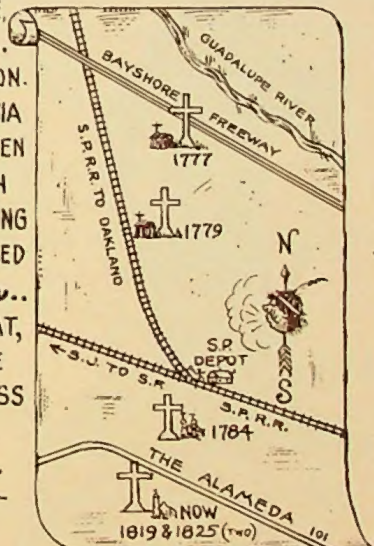


PEACEFUL INNER QUADRANGLE



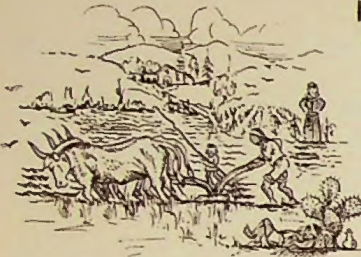
OLDEST BANKSIA
ROSE IN CALIFORNIA

THE YEAR 1777.....TWO RIVERS,TWO MEN SEPARATED BY AN UNKNOWN CONTINENT AND TOTALLY UNAWARE OF THE OTHER'S EXISTENCE; GEORGE WASHINGTON AND THE DELAWARE, FR.TOMAS DE LA PENA AND OUR GUADALUPE. HERE THE LATTER ON JAN. 12,1777,CELEBRATED THE FIRST MASS IN A "PUNGENT LAUREL THICKET" NEAR THE BANKS OF THIS RIVER. HERE MARKED THE FIRST MISSION SITE TO BE FOLLOWED BY 4 OTHER LOCATIONS(SEE MAP), THE EXACT SPOT LOCATION OF THE FIRST TWO, APPROXIMATE. AFTER THE CROSS, AN EMBLEM OF THE MISSION MIGHT WELL BE A PHOENIX, FOR ALL THE RELOCATIONS OR REBUILDING WAS NECESSITATED BY THE RAVAGES OF FLOOD,(1779) EARTHQUAKES(1812-18-68) AND FIRE(1926). IT HAS SURVIVED ATTACKS BY RENEGADES, MILITARY, CIVIL AND GOVERNMENT IMPOSITION(BOTH MEXICAN AND U.S.), PLUS THE DESTRUCTIVE SECULARIZATION ORDEAL.....HERE WAS THE FIRST VALLEY ORCHARD THAT FURNISHED FRESH FRUIT, PEACHES, APPLES, APRICOTS, FIGS AND GRAPES TO THE ARGONAUTS OF '49. IN 1800 HERE WAS THE LARGEST INDIAN POPULATION OF ANY MISSION, 2,228. EACH WEEK 24 OXEN WERE SLAUGHTERED FOR FOOD.....IN 1845 DISCOVERY OF QUICKSILVER IN THE ALMADEN MINE HERE WAS SCIENTIFICALLY CONFIRMED.....HERE THE SAINT-LIKE FR.MAGIN CATALA' WHO CLOSELY APPROACHED FR.JUNIPERO SERRA IN ASCETICISM, DEVOTED 35 YEARS OF HIS LIFE.....IN 1851, FR.NOBI with 12 STUDENTS AND \$100 FORMED THE COLLEGE WHICH LATER WAS TO BE THE UNIVERSITY OF SANTA CLARA. TOURISTS ARE MORE FREQUENT VISITORS TO THE GARDENS THAN LOCAL RESIDENTS. FOR PEACEFUL ESCAPE FROM TODAY'S FAST PACE TAKE A STROLL AROUND THE INNER QUADRANGLE..... HERE IS MORE ORIGINAL PLANTING THAN ANY MISSION. HERE PROBABLY THE OLDEST AND LARGEST BANKSIA ROSE AND WISTERIA IN THE WORLD, OVER EIGHTEEN INCHES IN DIAMETER.....ANCIENT OLIVES WITH TRUNKS 10 FEET IN CIRCUMFERENCE AND TOWERING PALMS, PLANTED FROM 1822 TO 1868. EXPOSED ADOBE CONSTRUCTION OF THE SAME PERIOD... ..AS YOU LEAVE THIS QUIET RETREAT, ADDED SIGNIFICANCE HAS BEEN GIVEN THE INSCRIPTION ON 1777 ENCASED WOODEN CROSS AT THE ENTRANCE, FATHER PENAS ORIGINAL GUADALUPE RIVER FOUNDING CROSS..... "HE THAT SHALL PERSEVERE TO THE END, HE SHALL BE SAVED."



MISSION LOCATIONS

Path of the Padres



BARNHAM'S
STATUE OF
FR. SERRA

Fr. Junipero Serra
FR. SERRA'S SIGNATURE

THIS PAGE MAY APPEAR TO HAVE LEFT OUR VALLEY BUT FORTUNATELY WE EMBRACE TWO LINKS IN THE COASTAL CHAIN OF MISSIONS, SANTA CLARA DE ASIS AND SAN JOSE. THE LOCATION DIAGRAM ON THE RIGHT IS WORTH TWO COMMENTS. FIRST, THE PRIESTS WERE BY NECESSITY, PEDESTRIANS. FOR COMMUNICATION AND SAFETY, NOTE THE MISSIONS SPACED ONE DAY'S WALK APART. SECONDLY AND EQUALLY IMPORTANT, NOTE IN YOUR TRAVELS, THE KEEN EYE THESE FATHERS HAD FOR FERTILE LAND, PASTURAGE AND WATER. ALL THIS MEANT FOOD AND THEY MAY HAVE FIGURED ONE WAY TO A HEATHEN'S SOUL WAS VIA HIS STOMACH. THE PADRES OFFERED FOOD, CLOTHES AND SALVATION. IN RETURN THEY EXPECTED DEVOTION AND WORK. THIS LAST WAS A NEW AND REPULSIVE EXPERIENCE FOR OUR NATIVES. TO MANY IT WAS SO REVOLTING THEY FLED TO OLD HAUNTS AND WAYS OF LIFE. BUT TO THE MAJORITY, THIS CHANGE WAS ATTRACTIVE. MOST RETURNED TO THE STRICT BUT KINDLY PRIESTS, BELLS, BRIGHT CLOTHES, MUSIC AND FROM ACORN MUSH TO THAT DELIGHTFUL FIRST TASTE OF BEEF, VEGETABLES AND FRUIT.

IN 1769 FATHER SERRA FOUNDED THE FIRST OF A CHAIN OF 21 LARGE MISSIONS. WITH THE BOUNDLESS ENERGY AND DETERMINATION OF SUCH MEN AS SERRA, PALOU, LASUEN, CRESPI AND CATALA THESE MISSIONS WERE TO PROVE MIRACLES. FROM A WILDERNESS, WEALTH AND PROSPERITY COULD BE CREATED; BY RAW INGENUITY MISSIONS WERE BUILT; GREAT HERDS AND MILLIONS OF CULTIVATED, BOUNTIFUL ACRES ACCLAIMED CALIFORNIA THE LAND OF OPPORTUNITY FOR THE TIDE OF HUMANITY THAT FOLLOWED. THE PADRES WELL KNEW OF THE WAITING GOLD IN THIS STATE. DECADES BEFORE THE DAYS OF '49. THEY WERE ONLY INTERESTED IN CONVERTING THE INDIAN, IN FINALITY AMOUNTING TO OVER 90,000.

THIS MISSION ERA HAD AN AMAZINGLY SHORT LIFE, 1769 TO 1832. BUT IN THIS HISTORICAL INTERVAL WE WERE LEFT A PRECIOUS HERITAGE. STILL ALIVE ARE HUNDREDS OF MUSICAL, POETIC PLACE NAMES, A TYPICAL REGIONAL ARCHITECTURE AND A WAY OF WESTERN LIFE THAT REFUSES TO FADE.

WHY THEN, THE PERIOD OF MELTING RUINS, DISCOURAGED PRIESTS AND BEWILDERED INDIANS WITHOUT LEADERS? THE ANSWER, A LONG WORD, SECULARIZATION. IN 1833, MEXICO PASSED A LAW TRANSFERRING TO THE INDIANS ALL THE LANDED MISSION WEALTH. GOVERNOR FIGUEROA'S LONG RANGE PLAN OF ADMINISTRATION WAS PRACTICAL BUT HE DIED IN 1835 AND THE CONTROL FELL TO GREEDY POLITICIANS. THEY DIVIDED THE LAND INTO VAST RANCHOS, PARCELLING OR BY 'THE KING'S GRANT' TO RELATIVES AND FAVORITES. MISSION DAYS WERE ENDED.

BUT ALL THIS IS PAST HISTORY NOW. RESTITUTION, TOGETHER WITH PUBLIC AND STATE APPRECIATION HAS FURNISHED TIMELY RESTORATION. THE ORIGINAL, OLIVE, PALM AND PEAR TREES FLOURISH AGAIN, THE CASTILIAN ROSE STILL BLOOMS AND THE OLD SPANISH KING'S BELL PROUDLY PROCLAIMS THE UNDYING SPIRIT OF OUR MOST FAMOUS CALIFORNIA LANDMARKS.

SOLANO
1823

SAN RAFAEL
1817

DOLORES
1776

SAN JOSE
1797

SANTA CLARA
1777 DE ASIS

SANTA CRUZ
1791

SAN JUAN BAPTISTA
1797

SAN CARLOS BORRERO
1770

SOLEDAD
1791

SAN ANTONIO DE PADUA
1771

SAN MIGUEL
1791

SAN LUIS
OBISPO
1772

LA PURISIMA
1787

SANTA INES
1804

SANTA BARBARA
1776

SAN BUENA VENTURA
1782

SAN FERNANDO REY
1797

SAN GABRIEL
1771

SAN JUAN CAPISTRANO
1775

SAN LUIS REY
1798

SAN DIEGO DE Acala
1769

HAPPY VALLEY



A HACIENDA



CARRETA



CABALLERO



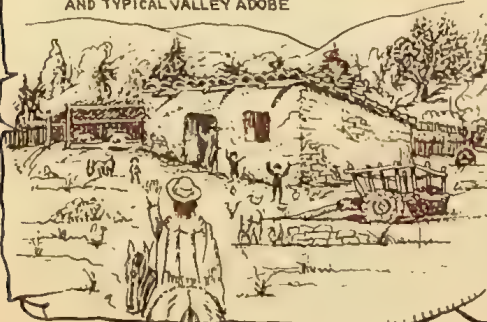
SEÑORITAS



THEY ATE WELL



POBLADORES
AND TYPICAL VALLEY ADOBE



THIS HAPPY VALLEY PERIOD OR SPANISH-CALIFORNIA ERA WAS AS SHORT IN DURATION AS THE DAYS OF THE MISSIONS. IT FOLLOWED SECULARIZATION AND ENDED WITH THE GOLD RUSH AND ARRIVAL OF AMERICAN SETTLERS. THIS CARE-FREE POPULACE CONSISTED OF CASTILIANS, SPANISH-INDIAN AND MEXICAN-INDIAN MIXTURES PLUS THE ORIGINAL ABORIGINES.....FOR EVERY TWO-STORIED HACIENDA THERE WERE 40 SQUAT ADOBES. LAND OUTSIDE THE PUEBLOS WAS WORTH LITTLE EXCEPT FOR GRAZING PURPOSES. A SQUATTER WAS RARELY DISTURBED UNLESS HE TOOK MORE THAN 50 ACRES.....THE LAND WAS TREMENDOUSLY FERTILE, CROPS ENORMOUS AND HERDS OF CATTLE INCREASED SO FAST A YEARLY SLAUGHTER WAS NECESSARY. THERE WERE NO FENCES AND A STEER COULD STRAY 40 MILES FROM HOME. ANNUAL ROUNDUPS AND DIVISION BY BRANDS SOLVED THIS. JOAQUIN BERNAL, 8 MILES SOUTH OF SAN JOSE ON HIS SANTA TERESA RANCHO, BRANDED 5000 HEAD YEARLY..... HIDES AND TALLOW WERE THE ONLY EXPORTS AND THEN ONLY AS TRADE GOODS WITH SAILING VESSELS TOUCHING MONTEREY OR SAN FRANCISCO. THE FAMOUS "SPANISH" SILK SCARFS, FANS, SHAWLS, CARVED CHESTS AND JEWELS CAME FROM CHINA!.....FOOD WAS PLENTIFUL WITH BEANS AND MEAT THE MAIN DIET SO EXTREMELY HIGHLY SEASONED MANY A YANKEE VISITOR ON FIRST BITE RUSHED FOR THE WATER BUCKET.....TRAVEL (FOR WOMEN) WAS SOLELY BY CARRETA OR OX CARTS. MEN RODE ONLY THEIR HORSES. THEY WERE THE WORLD'S GREATEST HORSE-MEN. HORSE AND SADDLE WERE HIS MOST PRECIOUS POSSESSIONS. A LEAGUE, 4,400 ACRES, WAS NOT TOO GREAT A PRICE TO PAY FOR AN ORNAMENTED SADDLE.....WITH 40 INDIANS FOR EVERY SPANISH-CALIFORNIAN THE LABOR PROBLEM WAS SOLVED. NO ONE WORKED BUT THE INDIAN. HE WAS NOT ENSLAVED, IN FACT WELL TREATED.....THE FRIENDLY HOSPITALITY OF THESE KIND PEOPLE WAS UNBOUNDED. A MAN COULD TRAVEL THE LENGTH OF CALIFORNIA WITHOUT SPENDING A CENT FOR FOOD OR LODGING. TO PROVE THIS, THERE WERE NO HOTELS!.....WHAT ENDED THIS HAPPY HISTORICAL INTERLUDE? SEVERAL REASONS. THEY RECOGNIZED ONLY THEIR SMALL WORLD. PREYING "GRINGOS" TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THEIR DISREGARD FOR MATERIAL POSSESSIONS.

THEY GAMBLLED DAY AND NIGHT AND BORROWED FROM THE YANKEE AT 12½% A DAY. GRADUALLY THEIR EMPIRE OF LEAGUES SHRANK TO SCRAWNY ACRES. THAT "MANANA" WHICH NEVER WAS TO COME HAD ARRIVED. AND SO FADED THE HAPPIEST AND MOST FASCINATING ERA IN OUR VALLEY'S HISTORY.

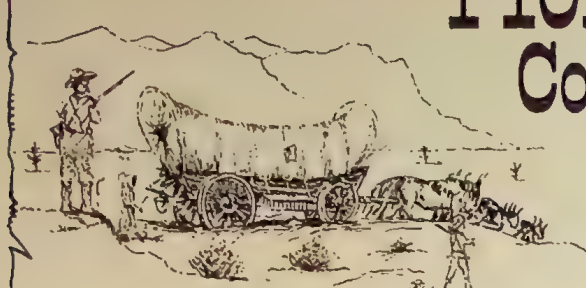


ALWAYS ROMANCE



VAQUERO

PIONEERS Coming



1830 IN ALL SPANISH-CALIFORNIA THERE WERE ONLY A HUNDRED "AMERICANOS". IN SANTA CLARA VALLEY, ONLY 4 WERE RECORDED, JOHN GILROY, FIRST, 1814, A SCOT WHO DESERTED SHIP. HE WAS FOLLOWED BY DON ANTONIO SUÑOL, PHILIP DOAK, WHALER, AND MATTHEW FELLOM, A DANE, WANDERED IN ABOUT 1822. IN THE NEXT DECADE ONLY A SCORE MORE APPEARED. OVERLAND TRAVEL DID NOT START UNTIL 1841 WITH JOSIAH BELDEN THE PILOT, MARTIN MURPHY IN 1844 AND IN 1846 MANY OF THE ILL FATED DONNER PARTY SURVIVORS.....THE SPANISH-CALIFORNIAN POPULATION WERE SLOW IN REALIZING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS ONCOMING TIDE. MEXICO WAS A DISTANT AND IRRESPONSIBLE MOTHER. EXCEPT FOR A FULL QUOTA OF SWINDLERS, THE NEWCOMERS WERE FRIENDLY; IN FACT MANY BECAME THE DONS' SONS-IN-LAW! GREAT HERDS NO LONGER ROAMED AT WILL. REDWOOD PICKET FENCES, GRAIN FIELDS AND VINEYARDS SPREAD ACROSS THE VALLEY. STAGE COACHES, HORSE-CARS AND BUGGIES REPLACED THE CREAKING CARRETA.

THEN CAME THE CRY OF GOLD AND A DESERTED VALLEY, EXCEPT WOMEN, CHILDREN AND OLDSTERS LEFT IN SAN JOSE FOR SAFETY. THE NEWLY PLANTED CROPS OF '49 WERE LEFT TO THE HOGS AND CATTLE. A FEW OF THE FORTUNE HUNTERS RETURNED WEALTHY, THE OTHERS FINDING THEIR GOLD LATER IN THE VALLEY'S OWN PRODUCTIVITY. THE FRENCHMAN, LOUIS PELLIER HAD ARRIVED IN 1849 BRINGING STARTS OF A FRUIT THAT WOULD MAKE OUR VALLEY WORLD FAMOUS-THE PRUNE, (AND ALSO SUPPLY EVERY U.S. BOARDING-HOUSE WITH DAILY DESSERT)...TELEGRAPH CAME IN 1853. INDIANS AND MEXICANS, STARTLED BY THE LONG LINES OF POLES WITH CROSS PIECES, ASKED IF THE "CRAZY GRINGOS" HAD SUDDENTLY ALL TURNED CATHOLIC? FIRST WOODBURNING, DIAMOND-STACK LOCOMOTIVE PULLED INTO SAN JOSE IN 1864 FROM S.F. WE WERE FINALLY LINKED TO THE NATION.

THEN CIVIL WAR. SOUTHERN SENTIMENT RAN STRONG IN THE VALLEY BUT CALIFORNIA AS A WHOLE MADE CONTRIBUTION OF NEWLY MINED GOLD IN SUCH LARGE AMOUNTS THAT THIS COULD HAVE BEEN A DECIDING FACTOR IN PRESERVING THE UNION.....SKIP ANOTHER 100 YEARS. THE "PIONEERS" ARE STILL COMING! THEY RIVAL THE '49RS IN NUMBERS BUT THEIR OBJECTIVE IS ABOUT THE SAME.....(PLUS "CLIMATE")



LOOKING BACKWARD 1900

Now that we have about wound up the dim history section we can relax with the following pages on the Old Valley at turn of the Century. This will not be one of those "gripe" series of "it aint like it usta be". In fact we'll have some fun along the way.

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Old Valley Transportation



IN 1899, IN ALL THESE UNITED STATES, THERE WERE LESS THAN 8000 AUTOS AND ONLY 134 MILES OF PAVED ROADS. THE NEW YORK TIMES WARNED, "MAN LOVES THE HORSE AND HE IS NOT LIKELY TO EVER LOVE AN AUTOMOBILE!..... NOR WILL HE GET USED, IN THIS GENERATION, TO SPEEDING ALONG THE ROAD BEHIND 'NOTHING!'" (WOULD THAT THIS SCRIBE COULD HAVE ENVISIONED STEVENS CREEK BLVD. AT 5 P.M.!)

1 CARRETAS CREAKED ABOUT THE VALLEY FOR FIFTY YEARS, OUR LOWEST FORM OF TRANSPORTATION. SPEED? 3 MILES PER HR.	2 PRAIRIE SCHOONERS BROUGHT US MANY EARLY SETTLERS, AS EARLY AS 1846. SURVIVORS OF THE DONNER PARTY SETTLED HERE.
3 STAGES RAN TO ALL NEARBY COUNTIES AND THE GOOD SHIP ALVISO, A STERN WHEELER, MADE DAILY FREIGHT AND PASSENGER TRIPS TO SAN FRANCISCO.	4 SO, YOU THOUGHT THE HORSE-AND-BUGGY AGE WAS ROMANTIC? DON'T YOU BELIEVE IT! I WAS THERE. INCONVENIENT, SLOW AND DIRTY.
5 "BIKES HAVENT CHANGED MUCH IN 70 YEARS BUT THE RIDERS HAVE."	6 HORSE, TROLLEY, INTERURBAN, WE HAD THEM ALL, EVEN CABLE ON THE ALAMEDA AND A DINKY STEAM-TRAIN TO ALUM ROCK PARK.
7 THE "SAN MATEO". AN AFTERNOON TRAIN LEAVES M. MARKET ST. DEPOT FOR S.F. THIS WAS SOON AFTER FIRST TRIP IN 1864. (FROM AN OLD PHOTO)	8 TURN OVER FROM THE HORSE TO AUTO ERA WAS PAINFUL. HORSES ARE GONE. IT'S STILL PAINFUL.

ONCE UPON A TIME, 5¢ STREET CAR SERVICE WAS AVAILABLE ON ALL SAN JOSE STREETS AND IN THE EARLY 1900'S, BIG, FAST, LOW FARE INTER-URBANS RAN TO CAMPBELL, LOS GATOS, SARATOGA, CUPERTINO AND STANFORD. WE HAD REACHED THE PER CAPITA PEAK OF GOOD PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.





The Alameda



BETWEEN MISSION SANTA CLARA AND THE PUEBLO OF SAN JOSE TRAVEL WAS DIFFICULT, EVEN DANGEROUS. NUMEROUS LITTLE BROOKS, MARSHES AND SMALL LAKES HINDERED THE PEDESTRIAN OR HORSEMAN AND BOGGED DOWN THE HEAVY CARRETA WHEELS. ADDED HAZARDS WERE THE BANDS OF WILD CATTLE THAT ROAMED THIS UNFENCED TERRITORY, AT TIMES A FOREST OF YELLOW MUSTARD 10 TO 12 FEET HIGH. IN WINTER A DETOUR OF 6 MILES TO THE WEST WAS NECESSARY. SO WAS BORN THE PLAN OF FATHER MAGIN CATALA, "HOLY MAN OF THE SANTA CLARA MISSION". FROM THE BANKS OF THE GUADALUPE HE TOOK BLACK WILLOW CUTTINGS AND STARTED A NURSERY OF THOUSANDS. FOR TWO YEARS HE TENDED THEIR GROWTH. THEN, 18 YEARS AFTER MISSION FOUNDING, IN 1795, WITH TWO HUNDRED INDIAN NEOPHYTE HELPERS, HE STAKED OUT AND PLANTED THE ENTIRE 3 MILES OF OUR ALAMEDA. (MEANING: A GROVE OF SHADE TREES.) IRRIGATED BY DITCH DUG FROM THE GUADALUPE, THEY FLOURISHED, THEIR TOP BOUGHS EVENTUALLY MEETING TO FORM A NATURAL CANOPY. FOR 75 YEARS THEY REMAINED UNDESPOILED. "MANY PASSED, THE NAKED RED MAN, THE DARK, SLOW MOVING DON AND THE BLUE EYED GRINGO." BENEATH THEIR SHELTER PASSED THE SAINTLY FATHER SERRA AND THE BANDIT SINNER, VASQUEZ; BEAUTIFUL

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THE PEN AND INK DRAWING ABOVE WAS SKETCHED FROM AN ORIGINAL PHOTO TAKEN BETWEEN 1868-78. THE CAR IS ON EAST SIDE OF THE ALAMEDA RETURNING TO SAN JOSE. SHOWN WERE REMAINING CATALA' WILLOWS.

Fashions of To-Day.

(MEANING 1897)

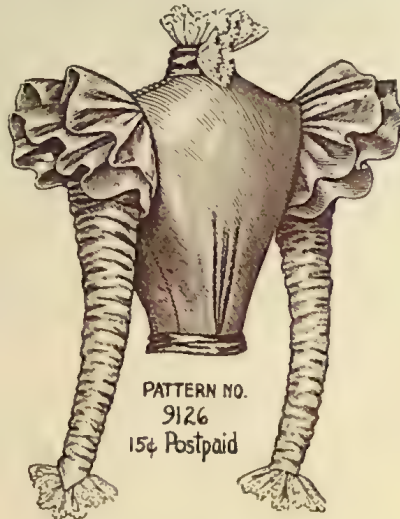


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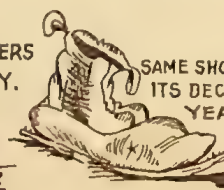
RUSSIAN OR MIDDY SUIT.
HOW WE LEVI STRAUSS URCHINS HATED THIS OUTFIT!



CLASSY CLOTH-TOP HIGH-BUTTONS.



DAD'S CONGRESS GAITERS FOR SUNDAY.



SAME SHOE IN ITS DECLINING YEARS.

YES, THIS MAIL ORDER AD READ \$7.75! AND THIS WAS THE DRAWING. WHAT A MAN! TEN HEADS HIGH. HOPE HE DIDN'T GET CAUGHT IN A RAIN WITH THAT 7.75 SUIT.

Almost forgotten

"Old Valley" at turn of the century

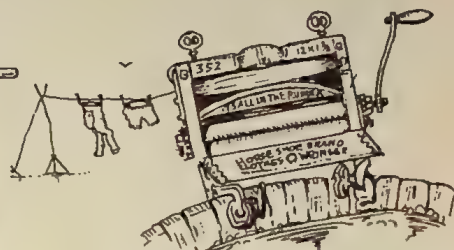


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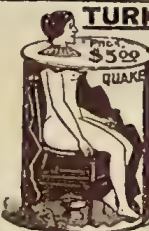
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Old Valley Ads

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THE 1898-1903 PERIOD. EVEN IN THOSE DAYS WE HAD PERSUASIVE ADVERT-
ISING AND DANGEROUS PROMISES. THEN IN 1906 CAME THE PURE FOOD &
DRUG ACT. "LYDIA" AND PERUNA WERE MADE TO DECLARE 15 AND 22% ALCOHOLIC
CONTENT, RESPECTIVELY, IN THEIR "REMEDIES!" MY DAD HAD AN "ELECTRIC BELT"
AS AN "ENERGIZER" AND "CURE" FOR RHEUMATISM. BUT HE WENT BACK TO
A BUCKEYE SEED IN HIS PANTS POCKET. SAID HE GOT BETTER RESULTS.





Flasking Quicksilver in the 1860's

Five Facts on the New Almaden Quicksilver Mine*

SANTA CLARA COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

1. The New Almaden was the first workable quicksilver mine in North America.
2. It was the first mine of any kind in California. Discovered in November 1845, it preceded the Coloma gold discovery of January 1848 by 27 months.
3. It was the richest mine in California. State Mineralogist Walter W. Bradley, speaking at the New Almaden Centennial Observance Dinner on November 17th, 1945, said "New Almaden had produced upward of \$70,000,000 in quicksilver. Any California mine that seems to have exceeded this production figure has done so not as an individual mine, but as a combination of MINES."
4. New Almaden broke an international monopoly. Before the discovery of the cyanide process in 1887, quicksilver was the world's chief reduction agent of gold and silver. Whoever controlled the world's quicksilver supply likewise controlled its gold and silver production. Until discovery of the New Almaden mine this monopoly was enjoyed by the English banking house of Rothschild, which operated the fabulously rich mercury mine of Almaden, Spain, with convict labor. Therefore New Almaden's timely discovery saved California's Mother Lode, Nevada's Comstock Lode and every other gold and silver mine in the West from domination by foreign capital.
5. New Almaden kept California in the Union. The struggle for possession of the New Almaden mine continued through the courts for years. During the Civil War a group of New York financiers took advantage of President Lincoln's preoccupation with government affairs and tried to use him as a catspaw to gain possession of the mine. But fortunately an 11th hour telegram from Collector of the Port, F. F. Low, of San Francisco, informed the president of the true nature of things. If Lincoln had used military force to seize the mine for these financiers, as they tried to trick him into doing, he would have upset every mining title in California and Nevada, and these states would certainly have deserted the Union and joined the Confederacy.

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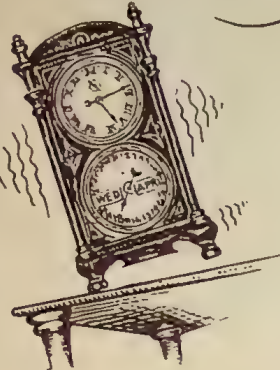
FOR THE ABOVE LITTLE KNOWN BUT VITAL FACTS, GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT TO L.E.BULMORE AND CLYDE ARBUCKLE, HISTORIANS.



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EARTHQUAKE



THIS CLOCK SKETCHED FROM PHOTO OF ACTUAL AGNEWS ASYLUM CLOCK, SHOWING MONTH, DAY, HOUR AND MINUTE IT WAS STOPPED BY QUAKE!



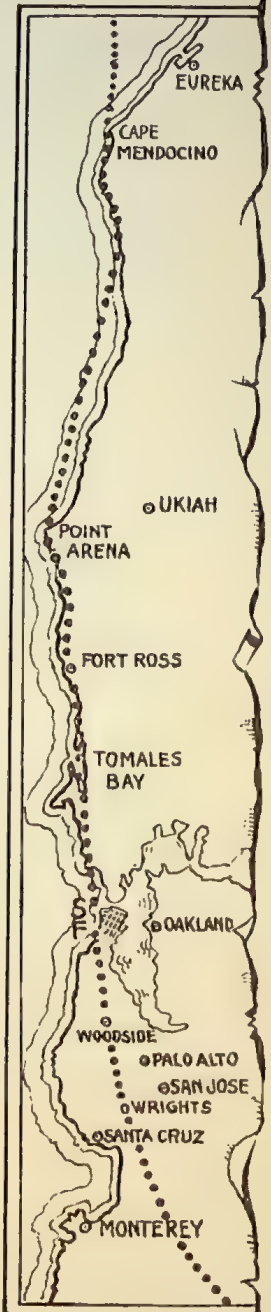
HUNDREDS OF SANTA CLARA VALLEY CLOCKS STOPPED AT EXACTLY 13½ MINUTES PAST 5 ON MORNING OF APRIL 18, 1906, STOPPED BY A DESTRUCTIVE EARTHQUAKE UNEQUALLED IN RECORDED AMERICAN HISTORY. WITH INDESCRIBABLE GRINDING ROAR, THE EARTH ROCKED FOR 45 SECONDS, PAUSED FOR 10, FOLLOWED BY AN AFTER WAVE OF 25 SECONDS. MINOR TREMORS CONTINUED FOR WEEKS. AGAIN THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT HAD BEEN AROUSED. (SEE MAP AT RIGHT). ORIGINATING SOMEWHERE IN THE PACIFIC OFF CAPE MENDOCINO IT CREEPT LIKE A SERPENT OF DESTRUCTION 600 MILES SOUTHWARD. THIS WEAKNESS IN EARTH'S CRUST HAS CAUSED OUR COASTAL QUAKE FOR CENTURIES. SPANIARDS CALLED THE BIG ONES *TERRAMOTOS* AND THE MINOR SHUDDERS—*TEMBLORS*—MERCIFULLY, THIS CALAMITY OCCURRED AT AN EARLY HOUR, SPARING THOUSANDS. GREAT CREVICES AND LANDSLIDES DEVELOPED ALL ALONG THIS FAULT LINE. REDWOODS HUNDREDS OF YEARS OLD IN THE SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS WERE SHIFTED ACROSS CANYONS OR WHIPPED TO SPLINTERS. 16 WERE KILLED IN SAN JOSE WITH 8000 LEFT HOMELESS. THE AGNEWS INSANE ASYLUM'S MAIN BUILDING COLLAPSED KILLING OVER 100. STANFORD UNIVERSITY, ONLY 15 YEARS OLD, SUFFERED 5 MILLION DOLLARS DAMAGE IN FALLEN STONE AND MOSAIC. HARDLY A BRICK CHIMNEY IN THE VALLEY SURVIVED AND MANY PUBLIC BUILDINGS DAMAGED OR DESTROYED. ARTESIAN WELLS STARTED FLOWING. THE LOMA PRIETA LUMBER MILL WAS ENGULFED, BURYING NINE MEN. LITERALLY IN FEAR AND TREMBLING, HUNDREDS OF VALLEY INHABITANTS COOKED AND SLEPT OUTDOORS FOR WEEKS AFTER.



IN OUR ORCHARD HOME ON THE WEST SIDE, OUR SMALL FAMILY NEEDED NO ALARM CLOCK THAT MORNING! I WAS AT THE IMPRESSIONABLE AGE OF 12. THE THREE OF US, SCANTILY CLAD, SHIVERINGLY EMERGED TO VIEW OUR NEW WINDMILL AND TANK, A MASS OF TWISTED RUIN. DAD AND I WHIPPED UP HORSE AND BUGGY TOWNWARD, URGED BY MORBID CURIOSITY AND MOTHER'S FRANTIC ORDER FOR SACKS OF SUGAR AND FLOUR. EVERYONE HOARDED FOOD. (WILL HISTORY REPEAT?)

VALLEY EARTHQUAKES THAT RUINED MISSIONS AND ONCE "DESTROYED EVERY (ADOBÉ) HOUSE IN THE VALLEY," OCCURRED IN 1800, 1818, 1865 & 1868. OUR DAVID STARR JORDAN OF STANFORD SUGGESTED A CYCLE OF 30-40 YEARS BUT IN FINALITY SAID, "WE CAN EXPECT MINOR SHAKES AT INTERVALS AND A *TERRAMOTO* ONCE IN A GENERATION."

FOR THOSE INTERESTED, READ THE NEXT FOUR PAGES PHOTOGRAPHED FROM THE ORIGINAL ONE-SHEET PAPER OF THAT SAME DAY. IT IS A TRUE, REMARKABLY DRAMATIC ACCOUNT DESPITE HUMOROUS TYPOGRAPHICAL ERRORS BY A STILL SCARED TYPESETTER.



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SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA, APRIL 18, 1906

SAN FRANCISCO REPORTED DESTROYED

San Francisco destroyed and untold thousands killed; her populous suburbs laid low; the beautiful Santa Clara Valley a mass of ruins. San Jose prostrate with her quota of dead; one hundred and fifty helpless insane crushed at Agnews; Stanford University wrecked; everything within a radius of fifty miles at least from this city ruined; this only partially tells the tale of the most dread dreadful disaster of modern times.

A mighty earthquake avalanche under the earth's crust shook the entire Central California coast at 5:14 this morning. Buildings rocked and cwayed and then collapsed, so great was the force of the mighty temblor. California's fair metropolis was converted into a charnal house. Her mighty buildings toppled over like so many card houses, burying their sleeping inmates in the ruins. Flames broke out in hundreds of places at once, and soon fiery tongues were eating up those parts of the business section of the city that remained standing. Soon, from reports that seemed to be true, fire raged unchecked in a region two miles in diameter, with the Emporium as a center.

All communication with the metropolis has been interrupted, but the flames and smoke from the great conflagration could be plainly seen at Palo Alto, thirty miles distant. A Mercury representative was able to reach Palo Alto about 10 o'clock in an automobile. The roads were reported impassable further north. Not a soul had been able to make his way out of San Francisco. A freight train crew, with an engine

PROCLAMATION!

In view of the great calamity that has befallen us and for the better police and fire protection of the city, and for the better security of life and property, I hereby recommend that all the people remain at their homes during the coming night, from and after the hour of 7 p. m.

And I do hereby command that all persons, save and except only those who have a special business to transact therein, and permission so to do, remain away from that part of the business section of the city now being specially patrolled. All lawless ones will be repressed with a heavy hand.

The co-operation of all good citizens is invoked in aid of the enforcement of this order.

G. D. WORSWICK, Mayor.
San Jose, Cal., April 18, 1906.

and a few empty cars, had escaped from San Francisco, which they reported completely demolished. The trainmen told of the horrors in San Francisco, now completely isolated. The flaming sky to the north corroborated the story.

In San Jose evidences of ruin are only too apparent. The business section is nearly destroyed. What structures remain standing have fractured walls and must be torn down. The dead in the city number sixteen. At Agnews, where the buildings were completely destroyed, the dead, patients and attendants, number about 125. The work of rescuing the living and their silent companions from the ruins has continued unceasing all day, but many are still buried in masses of brick and broken lumber. Hundreds of deputies, hurriedly sworn in by Sheriff Ross and taken to the scene,

guard the uninjured insane, who are clamoring on the lawns in an ecstasy of fright and fear.

In San Jose the hospitals that remain standing are caring for great numbers of injured, many of which are hurt mortally. Immediately after the fearful concussion of the 'quake fires broke out in several quarters of the city. The El Monte lodging house on Locust street took fire immediately after the collapse. Seven people, two entire families, were roasted to death. Twenty persons were imprisoned in the ruins of the Vendome hotel annex, but all were reported living with the exception of one. Two persons were killed in a collapsed building on Market street, just north of Santa Clara. One fireman was killed while at his work of rescue. One woman was killed near Santa Clara by the collapse of a water tank on her house. Another woman was found dead in a house on Devine street. Two patients at the county hospital were killed.

In Palo Alto two university students were killed by the collapse of a dormitory at the college. The magnificent memorial church is completely destroyed. The new college structures are in ruins. The loss to the university alone is probably five million dollars. Many buildings are down in the towns of Santa Clara, Palo Alto, Mountain View, Sunnyvale, Mayfield, Gilroy and Hollister, where five were killed. Every locality in Santa Clara County has its finest buildings destroyed, and at least half the structures are irreparably damaged. Every farm house, every residence, inside and out of the

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cities and towns, wherever located, suffered more or less by the earthquake.

It would be foolish to attempt to estimate losses of life or property in this great holocaust until communication is opened and the range of the disaster known. The destruction of San Francisco, which is almost a certainty, of course overshadows all. The disaster here will not be known in its full extent until tonight, when it is probable that automobiles, at least, will be able to make their way to and from the metropolis. Railroad communication may not be resumed for some days, as bridges everywhere are reported down. Wires hang from the poles in every part of the county. Linemen are at work repairing them.

NOTICE TO MILLMEN.

To the employees of the Pacific Manufacturing Company of Santa Clara:

At a special meeting this morning of the employees of the above factory in conjunction with Millmen's Union No. 262 it was unanimously decided that every employee report for duty at 8 o'clock a. m. tomorrow, Thursday, April 19, and volunteer his service until the factory is again in running order. All employees are expected to report.

By order of the president, Thomas Graham.

AT HOLLISTER.

Word was received by train from Hollister that that town was a great sufferer from the earthquake. Five fatalities are said to have resulted and the loss to property is enormous. Gilroy is said to have been more fortunate.

The works of the California Compounding Co. on Taylor street were demolished, but business was resumed during the forenoon.

HALE'S STORE.

The First-street annex of the Hale store is a total wreck. The roof in its entirety fell through and buried the goods on the shelves and counters. The San Jose Basket Company's establishment, housed in a small brick building on San Fernando street, was buried under its walls and roof.

DEAD 7 PEOPLE BURNED.

In San Jose—Incomplete.

MR. and MRS. BERT HALEY and two children, of Oakland.

MR. and MRS. KERRIGAN and baby, also of Oakland.

MRS. CHARLES COSTA, 119 North Market.

MRS. CLAUDE EVERETT, 241 Divine street.

PAEL FARRAR, 206 South First.

DR. DE CROW, Phelan Building.

MRS. HELEN BRANDON, 21 South First street.

MRS. — WARDEN, South Second street.

BABY HIGUERRA, 135 South Third.

Unidentified man, 135 South Third.

Unidentified girl, —.

THOMAS O'TOOLE, Hotel Vendome.

At Agnew, approximately 100 dead and 400 injured.

Among dead are:

Dr. E. A. Kelley.

John Lynch.

— Walker, waitress.

Gustavus Braden.

John Toler.

INJURED.

Mrs. Stone, dangerously.

Mrs. De Crow, dangerously.

Miss Bessie Pickering, dangerously.

COUNTY HOSPITAL.

DEAD.

— Springer.

— Hencelot.

Miss Sanders, Meridian District.

INJURED.

Seven.

COLLEGE PARK.

A number of residences at College Park were demolished. The residences of H. E. Dorr, Dr. Eli McClish, Mr. Simpson and Dr. R. D. Hunt are completely wrecked.

East Hall at the University suffered much damage. It may have to be completely rebuilt. All the gables at the north and south ends of the building fell in and seams were opened in almost every part of the structure.

Two students, Clarence Pearson and James Trevorrow, were severely injured by falling bricks. They were buried under the debris. No damage was done to the other buildings on the campus.

Considerable loss of life is reported in Chinatown. Nearly all the buildings are of brick, but as they were not of solid construction nearly all were destroyed. No fires have yet started.

The lodging house on the southeast corner of Locust and Santa Clara streets, a rather flimsily constructed affair, collapsed and the fifty inmates fled for their lives. Seven were unable to escape the falling timbers and were pinioned within. Almost immediately flames burst out and the victims were caught like rats in a trap.

From the proprietor, F. Barlow, it was learned that the names of the victims were Mr. and Mrs. Bert Haley and two very young children of Oakland, and Mr. and Mrs. Kerrigan and baby, also of Oakland. Mr. Haley is a lumberman and Mr. Kerrigan is a printer.

Would-be rescuers heard the cries for help issuing from the heap of wreckage but were beaten back by the flames. Mr. Haley died the death of a true hero; although he might have saved himself, he chose to die in the effort to save his wife and babies, and to the last he directed the efforts of those who had escaped in their rescue work. Up to a late hour the bodies had not been rescued from the ruins.

MENLO PARK.

J. W. Britton, assistant agent at Menlo Park, tells a sad story of the devastation at Menlo. Redwood City and Palo Alto. The trainmen, he says, informed him that when the shock came the cars swayed from one side to the other until it seemed that the entire train must be thrown from the track. But it finally became steady and they proceeded to Menlo. In that town many of the prominent buildings, including the leading churches, have been destroyed, while at Millbrae the power house was laid flat. At San Mateo also the Convent and schools were destroyed.

EMPIRE SCHOOL.

Reports from Berryessa show that the earthquake was as severe in that vicinity as elsewhere. All of the county watering tanks were overthrown. Many bridges across the Coyote are ruined. The Larkin residence on the King road is a total loss. The Empire School is ruined.

Severe shocks were felt at 2:30 p. m. today, lasting a minute.

COUNTY HOSPITAL

Two killed—seven injured.
Part of the County Hospital collapsed at the first shock, burying a score in the ruins. The dead:
— Springer. — Hencelot.
Injured number seven.

FIRE ON SECOND STREET.

The Dougherty building on Second street, was all but demolished by the first shock. Before the occupants of the building could leave the structure the larger part of the front wall fell in.

In a short time fire broke out and completed the destruction wrought by the temblor. The building with all its contents is a complete loss. Not a thing was removed, and the amount of the damage cannot be estimated. The building was practically full of tenants. Hills' Studio occupied the fifth floor. On top of the structure was the United States Weather Bureau Station.

Several doctors had their offices in the building, and it was the location of the Worcester School of Music, which suffered about \$2000 damage.

KINDLED BY FIRE.

The adjoining building to the south took fire from the Dougherty building and was not under control until nearly noon. At 7:30 a portion of the front wall fell across the street, barely missing one of the fire engines. The building was completely gutted. The lower floor was occupied by Denne's art and Guppy's book store. The stock is a complete loss by fire and water.

The building north of the Dougherty building, occupied by The Fair, was completely destroyed by earthquake and fire.

The adjoining structure, occupied by the Dellwig bakery and a lodging house, was completely destroyed with its contents.

The adjacent building to the north was partially destroyed, the roof caving in.

The Nevada building, on South Second near Santa Clara street, suffered by the throwing down of a portion of the front wall.

The upper story of the George B. McKee building, at the corner of Second and San Fernando streets, collapsed. But little damage was done to the first floor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH DAMAGED.

The Central Christian Church on

South Second street suffered considerable damage. The rear end collapsed. Portions of the side walls fell out and the roof settled.

MRS. BRANDON KILLED

The two upper stories of the building at 21 South First street fell in. Mrs. Helen Brandon, mother of Frank Brandon, was killed. Her son assisted by Wm. Cosgrove had the sad task of removing her crushed body from the debris. Mrs. Brandon was more than 80 years old and was one of the first settlers in this valley. A man occupying an adjoining room escaped with scarcely a scratch.

Windows in practically every store on the east side of South First street were broken into fragments, a number of cornices fell but the damage was less than on Second street. On the west side of the street the buildings nearly all were without damage with the exception of the Phelan building, the John Stock building and the Conkling Grocery Co.

On Third Street south the rear wall of the Old Fellows' building fell out, crushing in the wall of an adjoining residence.

NORTH SECOND STREET.

Second street is as bad north of Santa Clara as it is between San Fernando and Santa Clara. The First Methodist Church is cracked from end to end, but is standing. The steeple of the First Presbyterian Church fell across the breadth of the street between two houses occupied as offices for physicians, and all of the frame dwellings were completely wrecked. Part of the brick Presbyterian Church fell against the side of the Y. M. C. A. Building, and in turn veered against the dwellings next door.

Trinity Episcopal and Unitarian Churches are a total loss, though both are for the most part wood. Portions are falling constantly and the streets are being patrolled by members of the local National Guard. Houses along St. James and St. John streets have fallen.

On South Sixth street a dwelling was wrecked and Mrs. Warden fatally injured.

Paul Farrar was killed by falling brick on North Market street, as was also the foreman of Hose No. 1.

NATIVE SONS HALL.

The upper story of Native Sons' building, Third and San Fernando, was demolished. The lower floor, occupied by Santa Clara Valley Wine Co. suffered but little damage.

The R. S. Hunkins Machine shop, on San Fernando, was completely wrecked.

The Carnegie Library building suffered slight damage. The exterior was not injured.

The residence of Dr. McNary on South Fifth street is a wreck.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

The High School building is a complete wreck. Upper roof fell in. Roof over almost entire building either caving in or sliding off. The brick walls all around, down to the second floor and in places almost to the ground. The front wall fell out and lies in a tangle of debris in front of the structure. Great seams and cracks were opened in the portions of the wall that did not fall. The building will be an entire loss.

FREDERICKSBURG BREWERY.

The damage to the Fredericksburg Brewery, on the Alameda, will reach probably at least fifteen thousand dollars.

The Golden West Hotel, on the Alameda, is badly damaged, almost the entire front being out, and, although no one was injured, Mrs. Russ is seriously prostrated by the shock.

Many of the large frame houses on the Alameda were badly damaged, and coming from the Alameda into town every brick building is partially and some completely ruined.

OTHER BUILDINGS.

The four or five large brick buildings on First street south of San Carlos were demolished, including the Smith auto garage, the National Bakery, the Franklin engine house and many others. The two-story frame residence of Mrs. Schwier on Pirce avenue was shaken to pieces, but no one was hurt.

Centrell M. E. Church, Second streets was slightly injured, and St. Mary's Church with the school was wrecked, both being brick. St. Patrick's Church was wrecked completely.

BANKS CLOSED.

Will Not Reopen Until Conditions Become Normal.

The bankers of this city met this morning and mutually agreed not to open until local conditions become normal again. Under the conditions that exist today it is impossible to do business, and it will be several days before the public will be able to resume their accustomed trend. In the meantime it would be useless to open the banks.

150 KILLED AT AGNEW

At 6 o'clock a wild rumor was circulated that all of the inmates to the Agnew Insane Asylum had perished. The terrible report was later minimized to 100 and then verified when a reporter arrived at the scene. The sight was one to make strong men weep. The great buildings were razed to the ground and terror-stricken unfortunates were huddled in little groups beneath the palm trees. Hundreds of unfortunates fell beneath four stories of brick and stone and from the wreck arose the cries of the mortally injured.

The fatalities will assume a frightful magnitude. It is impossible at the present time to give a list of the persons who perished at the asylum. Death wreaked greatest vengeance in the main brick building, which is several blocks in length and four stories high, surmounted by three towers. The first tremor at a few minutes past 5 o'clock threw the towers to the ground and awakened the inmates. A scene of confusion followed. The attendants performed many acts of heroism, but all who were in the center of the building went down when the final crash came in a few seconds or less after the first rumble was heard.

The outer walls will stand, but the floors are in a mass in the basement and the demented men and women hurled to their death. Dr. Stocking escaped down the fire ladder with his wife. The escape of a few other attendants and officials was made by means of ropes of knotted sheets.

The outbuildings, cottages and store houses were thrown to the ground, but the water tanks remained standing. In the gray light of the dawn the scene was terrible. Of the few hundred persons who escaped injury, many were raving maniacs and help that was needed badly to rescue the buried was taken to rest in the insane from escaping. Word was sent by horseback, as the telephone wires were down to Santa Clara for aid, and corps after corps of students from the college hurried to the asylum. Physicians were needed the most and not enough could be secured to attend the injured.

Those who escaped stood dazed at the catastrophe and did not know what to do. The attendants that were not buried worked to shelter the miserable men

and women who stood on the grounds, clad only in their night garments. When the reporter visited the wreck this morning at 7 o'clock the rescue work had only been begun, and it is progressing slowly, as the debris to be cleared away before the many dead and injured can be reached.

The massive walls of the asylum are tottering in their base, but crowds of people from Santa Clara and nearby farms are at work, unmindful of their own danger. Four floors, containing about twelve wards, are heaped in a tangled mass in the basement. From the windows of the cellars the mangled bodies are being taken forth. The cries of the living among the dead were heart-rending, and added to the confusion.

The first of the dead to be exhumed was Dr. E. A. Kelsey, one of the head physicians. The next was John Lynch, head attendant, whose home is in Boston, Mass. Walker, waitress in the dining-room. Near her body was that of Gustavus Braden, supervisor of the hospital, and John Toler, a head attendant. These are only a few of the many who were killed by the wrecking of the building, or who will die in the ruins ere they can be released.

There were at the last report 1080 inmates in the State Hospital for the Insane at Agnew. They were cared for by over 100 attendants and other persons employed on the premises. The greatest number were living in the wards of the main building and are now buried beneath hundreds of tons of brick. One end of the main building was split in two pieces, one-half crashing to the ground and the other still on its foundations, but threatening to fall at any moment.

The dead, as they are taken from beneath the timbers, are laid in rows on the lawns to one side, and after being examined in hope some breath of life might yet remain, are taken in wagons away from the place to Santa Clara. Little can be said of the terrible loss of life and property. The sad story has only been disclosed in its preface, all remains to be said when the total number of casualties is known. The financial loss to the Asylum will undoubtedly be total. No building could stand the terrible tremors of the earth this morning. The greatest loss is confined to the main building, which is of brick.

Coffee was being made this morning and given to the injured patients, who stand stricken dumb with terror. The various buildings on the reservation

from the store house to the female ward numbering ten or twelve, are all in a wrecked condition, but not quite as bad as the great ward. But every one is in such shape that none can be sheltered. Many inmates are being cared for by ranchmen at their homes, but the great majority of the survivors are on the lawns, covered with what bed clothing it has been possible to obtain.

Fortunately no fire has yet broken out in the ruins and as long as such is the case there are strong hopes of rescuing many. Relief has been obtained from Santa Clara and the Alviso road between the town and the Asylum is crowded with hundreds of people hurrying to aid in the work at the hospital.

SANTA CLARA.

Every building of stone or brick that was more than one story in height at Santa Clara is now a ruin, but so far only one person has been reported killed. The buildings of the Pacific Manufacturing Company are down. One tank in falling from the roof crashed through an humble home nearby and crushed out the life of a woman who was yet in her bed. The machinery is ruined and the financial loss will amount to hundreds of thousands of dollars in Santa Clara and to several millions when the Agnew Asylum is included. The same consternation that prevails at the Asylum is everywhere at Santa Clara. No fires have broken forth and a close watch is being kept by the department to prevent a conflagration.

Santa Clara College has suffered considerably, but the dormitory was not injured as bad as a number of academic buildings. No one has been killed, but a number are badly hurt. Most of the College students are now at the Asylum.

The ground was cracked near the Santa Clara water works plant and the immense tanks thrown to the ground, partly in the rift in the earth. Nearby places are flooded by the deluge of water.

No less than twelve large residences on the Alameda between Lenzen avenue and Santa Clara have been totally destroyed and the residents have escaped by a miracle. The Hester School is in a bad condition.

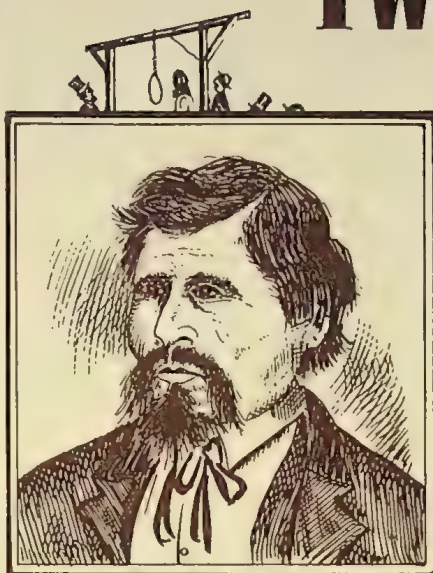
All store fronts and many dwellings were wrecked in East San Jose. The brick building near the bridge on Alameda Rock avenue was practically demolished and East San Jose hall and the school house badly injured.

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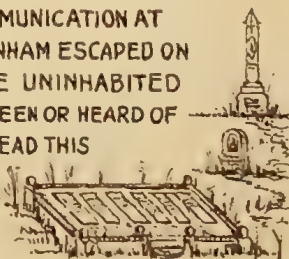
REWARD

Two Bad Men!



THIS IS AN UGLY, PERHAPS UNNECESSARY "BLOOD AND THUNDER" PAGE. I SUGGEST THE GENTLE READER SKIP IT ENTIRELY. BUT THESE TWO BAD MEN CREATED SUCH VALLEY EXCITEMENT AND MYSTERY THAT CONTROVERSY LASTED FOR YEARS....TIBURCIO VASQUEZ, BORN IN 1835, AT AGE 16, WAS INVOLVED IN A FANDANGO MURDER AND STARTED A LIFE OF CRIME RIVALLING MURIETTA.....SERVED 5 YEARS FOR HIGHWAY ROBBERY AND 4 YEARS FOR CATTLE STEALING. HIS GANG OPERATED MAINLY FROM DIABLO'S CANTAU CANYON. FRIENDS WERE SCARCE; FEW MEXICANS BEFRIENDED HIM. TIBURCIO WAS SHORT, WIRY, DRESSED WELL, AMOROUS, COURTEOUS, FRIENDLY TOWARD SOME AMERICANS AND HAD A SWEETHEART IN EVERY CANTINA FROM SAN JOSE TO LOS ANGELES. HE ELUDED ALL POSSES, ONCE RIDING 60 MILES WITH BULLET IN HIS CHEST. HIS PEAK WAS A TRIPLE MURDER IN TRES PINOS, SOUTH OF HOLLISTER. THE STATE LEGISLATURE APPROPRIATED \$15,000 IN AN EFFORT TO SPEED HIS CAPTURE. FINALLY WITH 8 BULLET WOUNDS, HE WAS CAPTURED NEAR LOS ANGELES. WOMEN PROVED HIS DOWNFALL. HE HAD STOLEN TWO OF HIS LIEUTENANTS' WIVES AT VARIOUS TIMES. ONE, LEIVA, WAS TO GIVE FATAL, THOUGH CIRCUMSTANTIAL EVIDENCE AT THE MOST FAMOUS TRIAL IN SANTA CLARA VALLEY HISTORY. VASQUEZ WAS EXECUTED IN THE COUNTY COURTYARD, 1875. HIS GRAVE IS PROMINENTLY MARKED IN A SANTA CLARA CEMETERY.

JAMES DUNHAM WOULD FIT ONE OF ALFRED HITCHCOCK'S TV THRILLERS; MYSTERIOUS MAN, MYSTERIOUS MOTIVES, MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE. THE SCENE WAS A LONELY FARMHOUSE NEAR CAMPBELL, 1896. DUNHAM, 32, WAS RECENTLY MARRIED AND SEPARATED FROM THE DAUGHTER OF COL. MCGLINCY, THE FARM OWNER. ONE MIDNIGHT, DUNHAM RETURNED FOR UNKNOWN REASON. HE CAREFULLY DESTROYED EVERY PICTURE OF HIMSELF EXCEPT AN OVERLOOKED TINTYPE. (SEE SKETCH) THEN, WITH NEVER CLEARLY ESTABLISHED MOTIVE, HE BRUTALLY MURDERED HIS WIFE, MOTHER-IN-LAW, AND MAID SERVANT. HE SPARED HIS BABY SON, PERHAPS IN HOPES HE MIGHT BECOME THE COLONEL'S ONLY HEIR? HEAVILY ARMED, HE LAY IN WAIT FOR MCGLINCY, STEPSON AND HIRED MAN ATTENDING A MEETING IN CAMPBELL. RETURNING, HE SHOT THEM DOWN ONE BY ONE. WITH EXTREMELY CRUDE MEANS OF COMMUNICATION AT DISPOSAL OF THE LAW IN THOSE DAYS, DUNHAM ESCAPED ON HORSEBACK INTO THE NIGHT AND THE UNINHABITED EASTERN MOUNTAINS. NEVER WAS HE SEEN OR HEARD OF AGAIN...IN OAK HILL CEMETERY, YOU MAY READ THIS INSCRIPTION ON HIS VICTIMS' MARBLE SLABS "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY, SAITH THE LORD."





The REAL Mrs. Winchester

THIS WILL NOT BE A TOUR OF THE WINCHESTER HOUSE, A "MUST" FOR EVERY TOURIST AND ONLY A FEW MINUTES DRIVE FROM ANY POINT IN OUR VALLEY. A WELL CONDUCTED TOUR AWAITS YOUR CURIOSITY. PUBLIC APPETITE FOR SENSATIONALISM FEEDS ON RUMOR. TOLERANTLY, SOME OF THE LEGENDS COULD BE LEFT TO SUPPOSITION. NEVERTHELESS, THIS ARCHITECTURAL NIGHTMARE, IN COMPARISON, RIVALS ANY PRIVATE RESIDENCE IN THE WORLD; 160 ROOMS, 6 KITCHENS, 13 BATHROOMS, 3 ELEVATORS, 40 STAIRWAYS, 13 SAFES, NONE EVER "CRACKED". (WHAT BURGLAR COULD FIND HIS WAY OUT?) VISITORS RIPLEY AND HOUDINI MARVELLED. BUT WHO WAS THE REAL MRS. WINCHESTER? WE LIVED CLOSE BY AND SAW HER OFTEN (FROM A DISTANCE) MY UNCLE NED R. WAS FIRST WEST COAST AGENT FOR HER COMPANY. MY FATHER'S FIRST WORK IN CALIFORNIA IN THE '80'S WAS TREE PLANTING ON HER NEW ESTATE. SHE WAS A TINY LADY UNDER 5 FEET AND LESS THAN 100 POUNDS. SHE WAS THIN AND PALE WITH BEAUTIFUL DARK EYES. SARAH L. WAS HIGHLY EDUCATED, TALENTED AND SPOKE FOUR LANGUAGES. AFTER HER HUSBAND'S AND

BABY GIRL'S TRAGIC DEATHS SHE CAME WEST WITH TWENTY MILLION DOLLARS AND A \$1000 PER DAY INCOME. SHE GAVE GENEROUSLY TO ALL CHURCHES AND CHARITIES. HER AFFECTION FOR CHILDREN WAS DEEP..... COLD? AUSTERE? RECLUSE? SEANCES? TOLLING BELLS AND "PLACATED" SPIRITS? SO WHAT? WE THOUGHT HIGHLY OF HER. FOR OVER 30 YEARS THAT \$1000 A DAY WAS DISTRIBUTED AMONGST VALLEY CARPENTERS, LUMBERMEN AND TRADES PEOPLE. CASH WAS SCARCE IN 1900 ERA. SARAH WAS A GRAND SPENDER... HER MULTITUDES OF QUIET, KINDLY ACTS WILL FOREVER REMAIN UNKNOWN. "NO!" ALTHOUGH EXPRESSING DESIRE, PRES. THEODORE ROOSEVELT ON HIS WAY TO THE CAMPBELL REDWOOD TREE PLANTING, WAS DENIED ADMITTANCE! AND YET ONE DAY, SARAH HEARD A SMALL NEIGHBOR GIRL PRACTISING PIANO. SHE INVITED HER OVER. AFTER YOUR TOUR, PICTURE THIS SCENE, — THAT STATELY BALL ROOM WITH THE TIFFANY CHANDELIER, A TINY OLD VICTORIAN LADY AND A DELIGHTED LITTLE GIRL, FEET DANGLING HIGH ABOVE PEDALS OF THAT ROSE WOOD GRAND PIANO! YES, SARAH WAS "PECULIAR", — AND A FINE LADY.

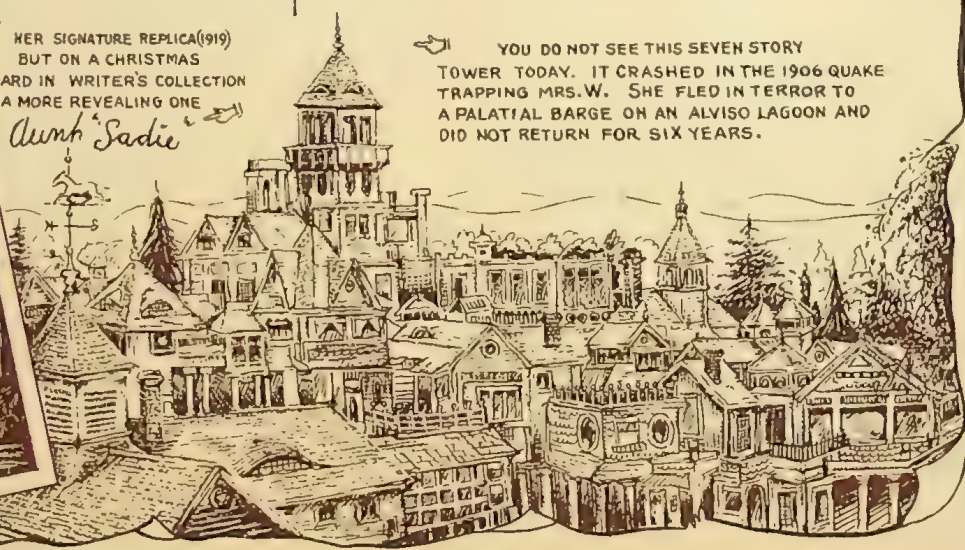
S.L. Winchester



HER SIGNATURE REPLICA (1919)
BUT ON A CHRISTMAS
CARD IN WRITER'S COLLECTION
A MORE REVEALING ONE

Aunt Sadie

YOU DO NOT SEE THIS SEVEN STORY TOWER TODAY. IT CRASHED IN THE 1906 QUAKE TRAPPING MRS. W. SHE FLED IN TERROR TO A PALATIAL BARGE ON AN ALVISO LAGOON AND DID NOT RETURN FOR SIX YEARS.

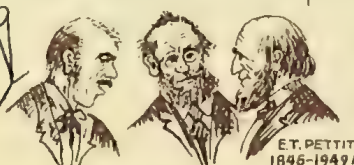




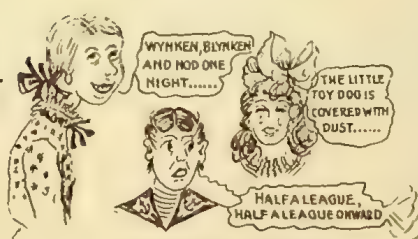
Country SCHOOLS



A GOOD EXAMPLE OF OLD VALLEY COUNTRY SCHOOL ARCHITECTURE IS THE ONE SKETCHED ABOVE, DOYLE... I ATTENDED, STARTING 1900, TAKING THE FULL COURSE, FIRST THROUGH EIGHTH GRADES. FOR COMPARISON WITH TODAY'S "EXTRA SESSIONS," I WAS ONLY PUPIL IN THE SEVENTH AND EIGHTH..... SUCH SCHOOLS WERE SPACED THREE OR FOUR MILES APART ON SOME CROSS ROADS' ACRE.. PUPILS AVERAGED FROM 20 TO 40 IN NUMBER WITH ALL AGES, 6 TO 18... SOME OF THESE "BIG BOYS" WERE OLD ENOUGH TO SHAVE, CHEW TOBACCO, ROLL A BULL DURHAM AND PLOW. SUCH CHORES AS LAST, LIMITED THEIR ATTENDANCE AND THEIR ACADEMIC CAREERS TERMINATED AT ABOUT THE FIFTH GRADE. (WHICH DID NOT PREVENT THEM LATER FROM BECOMING SUCCESSFUL, LARGE ACREAGE ORCHARDISTS. ONE OF THESE NOW WAVES TO ME FROM HIS YEARLY NEW CONTINENTAL OR CADILLAC!)..... SCHOOLS SUCH AS DOYLE HAD ONE ROOM WITH A POT-BELLIED STOVE FOR HEATING. CONVENIENCE PLUMBING WAS OUT DOORS, WITH "BOYS" AND "GIRLS" AT OPPOSITE CORNERS OF THE ACRE LOT, A LONG WALK AND WE TOOK OUR TIME IF ARITHMETIC WAS "HARD" THAT DAY... TEACHERS WERE NICE LOOKING, EFFICIENT LADIES FROM SAN JOSE NORMAL. THEY WORE SHIRTWAISTS, HIGH NET COLLARS AND FLOOR LENGTH SKIRTS PRIMLY COVERING THEIR TWELVE BUTTON HIGH SHOES.. THEIR HAIR WAS POMPADOURED, AID OF A "RAT". (SEE DICTIONARY, YOU MODERN.) ALL WORE DEMURE GOLD WATCHES PINNED TO THEIR DRESS WITH A FLEUR-DE-LIS..... MANY OF US WORE HOME MADE CLOTHES, SPECIALLY UNDER GARMENTS. FLOUR AND SUGAR CAME IN 100 LB. SACKS AND THIS STURDY MATERIAL WAS NEVER WASTED.. CONSEQUENTLY MANY A SMALL BOY'S SHIRT TAIL BORE THE LEGEND "IXL GRANULATED SUGAR" AND AN ERRANT BREEZE OR A TUMBLE FOR SOME LITTLE GIRL MIGHT, ON HER PANTIES, EXPOSE THE COMMERCIAL "PURE AS DRIFTED SNOW." IT WAS ERA OF SAD, BLACK, DROOPY, COTTON STOCKINGS. BOTH SEX WORE LONG DRAWERS AND IF THE TIME DEJECTED BELL BOTTOMS OF LEGS WERE NOT TIGHTLY WRAPPED, OUR ANKLES BULGED IN UNGAINLY NOBS..... YES, STOVE BLACKING ON BARE SKIN TO CAMOUFLAGE HOLES... LUNCHES, ALTHOUGH NOT "DIETETICALLY PREPARED" WERE HEARTY AND PACKED IN LARD PAILS, TOBACCO TINS AND "BROWNIES," THIS LAST AN IMITATION LEATHER JOB MADE OF CARD BOARD... CHIC THE FIRST WEEK, IT SOON BORE THE STAINS OF GOOD HOMEMADE JELLY, APRICOT JAM, BOLOGNA AND COLD PORK CHOPS... "COUNTRY SCHOOL" EDUCATION COMPARED TO TODAY'S? NO COMMENT. TOO CONTROVERSIAL. BUT I SHALL STOUTLY MAINTAIN THAT IN TWO THEN PRIDEFUL SUBJECTS, WE DID EXCELL- HAND-WRITING AND SPELLING... WHERE IS THE ORIGINAL OLD DOYLE SCHOOL? TODAY BURIED DEEP BENEATH A NEW FREEWAY CROSSING STEVENS CREEK ROAD. THANK GOODNESS WE CAN'T BURY MEMORIES!



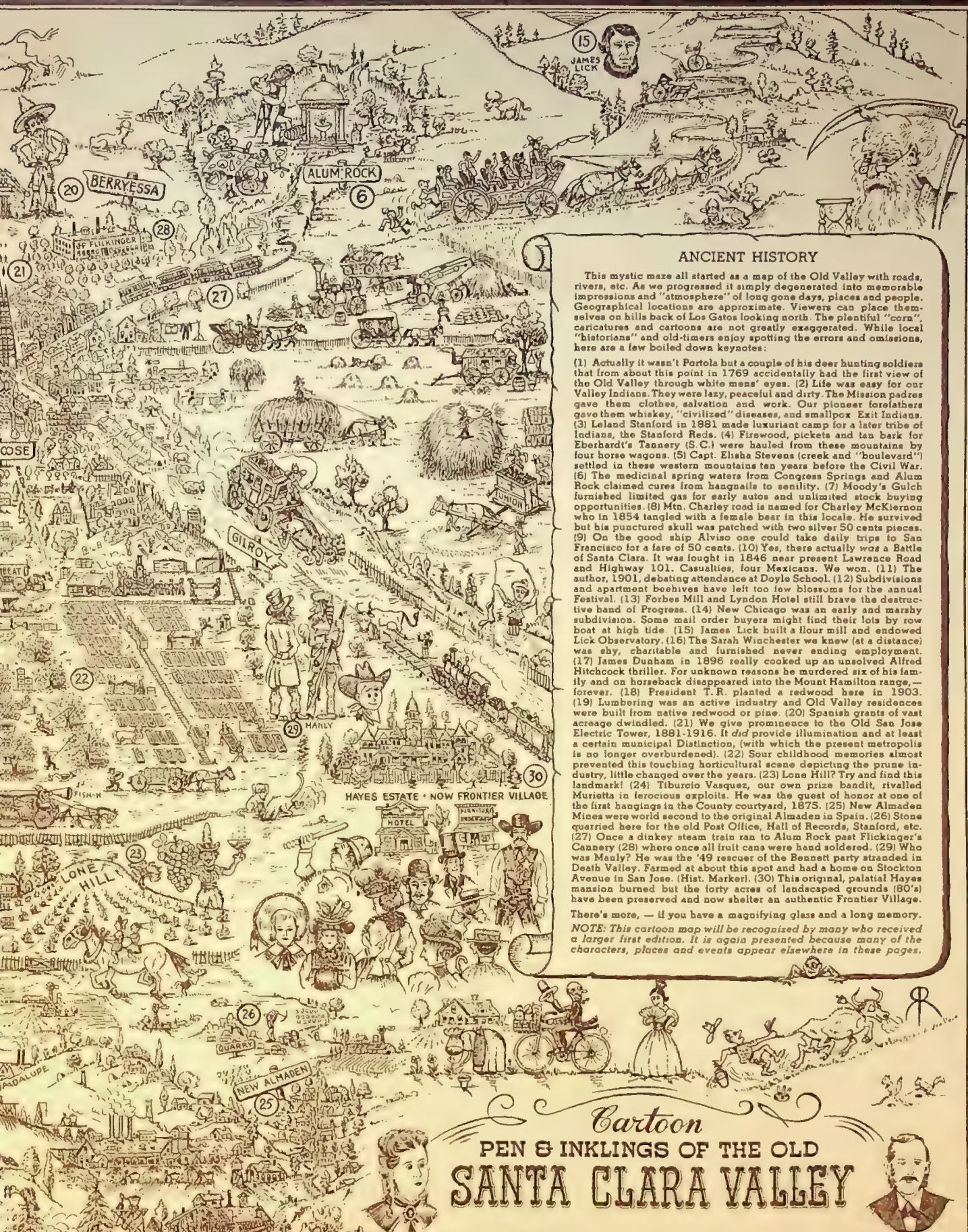
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I RECKON OUR PARENTS ENJOYED IT.







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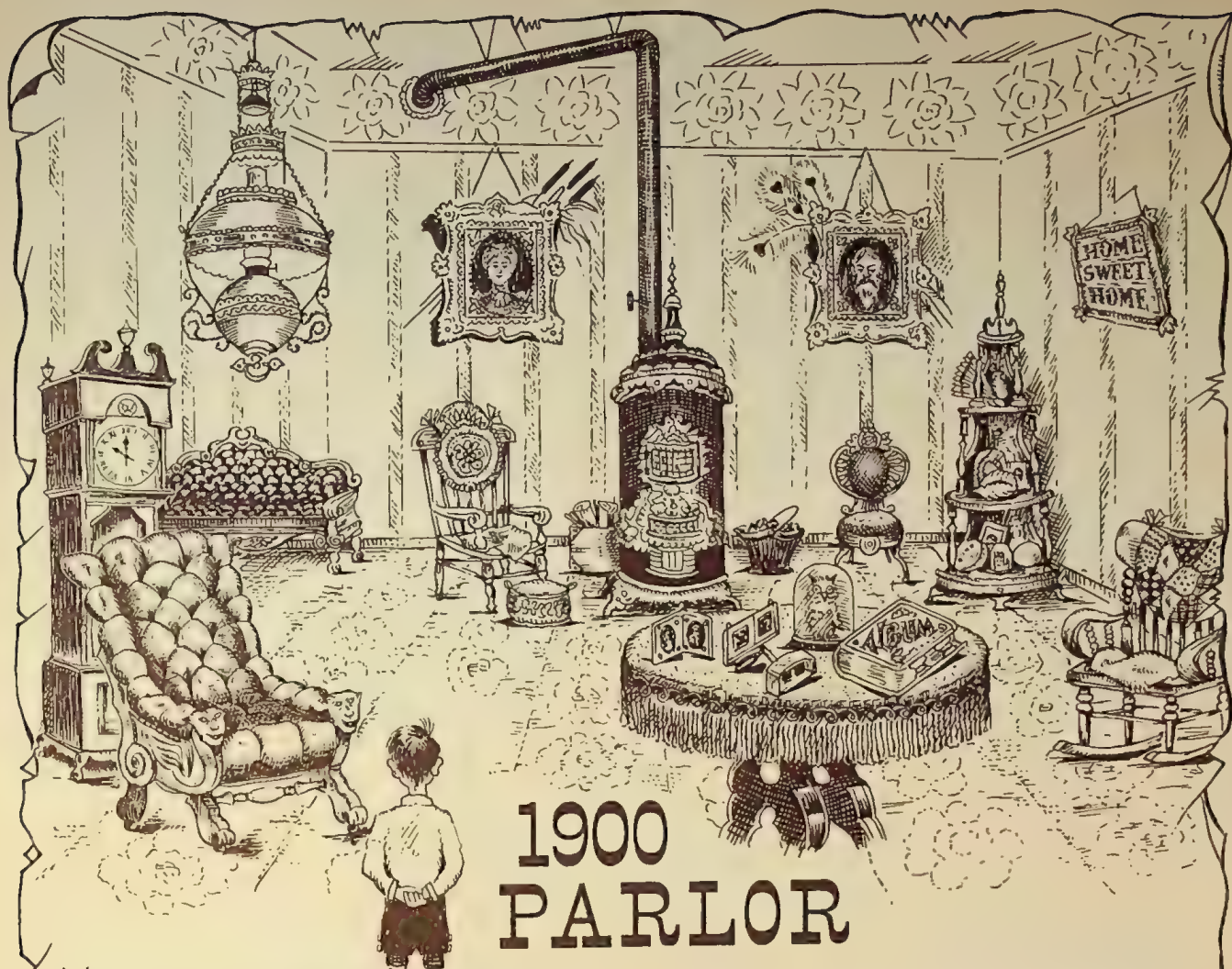
Last of the Village Blacksmiths

UNDER THE SPREADING CHESTNUT TREE" THE TREE WAS MISSING BUT OTHERWISE STAGE SETTING AND LEADING CHARACTER WERE DUPLICATE PERFECTION FOR LONGFELLOW'S IMMORTAL POEM. WILLIAM BAER WAS ONE OF VALLEY'S LAST TYPICAL COUNTRY BLACKSMITHS. I NEVER GREW TIRED OF WATCHING THIS FRIENDLY, POWERFUL MAN AT WORK. USUALLY BEGRIMED IN A CLEAN SORT OF WAY, HE HAD MUSCLES EQUAL TO MR. AMERICA'S. ALWAYS HE WOULD PAUSE TO ANSWER THIS SMALL BOY'S ENDLESS QUERIES. WHAT BETTER BLACKSMITH SHOP "ATMOSPHERE" THAN A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF "GETTIN' OUR OLD NAG SHOD"? UNHITCHED FROM OUR SPRING WAGON OR BUGGY, PRINCE WAS LED INTO THE SMOKEY, DIRT FLOORED SMITHY. TURNING HIS BACK TO HORSE'S REAR END, OUR SMITH WOULD PICK UP A HIND FOOT AND HOLD IT BETWEEN HIS (MR. BAER'S) LEGS, PLACING IT ON HIS HEAVY LEATHER APRON. OLD SHOES WERE PRIED OFF, OLD NAILS SHIPPED CLEAN AND HOOF BOTTOM PARED DOWN SMOOTH AND WHITE. THEN MR. BAER WOULD SELECT A NEW HORSESHOE FROM THE STACK OF SIZE NUMBERED LITTLE KEGS... THEN TOSS ONE IN THE FORGE AND START PUMPING THE HUGE WOODEN AND LEATHER HAND-MADE BELLOW. SLUMBERING CHARCOAL EMBERS WOULD AWAKEN TO EMIT LITTLE SPIRAL CURLS OF PLEASANT SMELLING SMOKE. FINALLY SMALL TONGUES OF DART-

ING FLAME ENVELOPED THE IRON BLUE HORSE SHOE BURIED IN THE COALS. WHEN WHITE HOT, WITH HIS LONG TONGS, MR. BAER WITHDREW THE SHOE AND PLANTED IT FIRMLY AGAINST THE BARE HOOF. (NO, PAIN, GENTLE READER.) SIZZLING, ACRID SMOKE CURLED UP WITH AN UNFORGETTABLE SMELL.... MR. BAER WOULD THEN CRITICALLY EXAMINE THE SCORCHED SURFACE BY BURNED AND UNBURNED AREAS HE COULD EXACTLY SEE HOW SHOE FIT CONTOUR OF HOOF. WITH SLEDGE AND ANVIL HE WOULD DELIVER A FEW MIGHTY CORRECTIVE BLOWS. THIS OPERATION WAS REPEATED UNTIL BY TRIAL AND ERROR MR. B. WAS SATISFIED AND AFTER TUB WATER TEMPERING, NAILED ON THE SHOE. YES, HE MADE A NAIL "RING" FOR ME, AS NATURALLY EXPECTED AS BUTCHER-WAGON FREE BOLOGNA. END OF ACT. DAD PAINFULLY OPENED HIS LONG LEATHER PURSE AND DOLED OUT SIX BITS OR A SILVER DOLLAR. I FORGET WHICH. GOOD MEN, - MY DAD AND WILLIAM BAER. BOTH WORKED A SIXTY HOUR WEEK AT HONEST MANUAL LABOR. WENT TO CHURCH ON SUNDAY, STILL VERY TIRED. AND THE REV. COLEMAN'S SERMONS WERE SOMETIMES LONG AND DRY. CONSEQUENTLY IT TOOK MANY A WIFELY NUDGE TO HEAD OFF A SNORING DUET, MR. BAER, DEEP BASS, DAD, HIGH TENOR.... LONG GONE THE PUNGENT ODORS OF BURNT HORSE HOOF, SWEAT, CHARCOAL, STALE TOBACCO SMOKE, THE MUSICAL CLANK AND CLANG OF ANVIL AND WHEEZING BELLOW. CAME THE AUTO AGE AND LAST OF THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITHS.

PICTURED AT RIGHT, THE VILLAGE CORNERS OF WEST SIDE, NOW CUPERTINO. THIS WAS AND IS THE INTERSECTION OF STEVENS CREEK ROAD AND SUNNYVALE-SARATOGA ROAD. (HWY. 9) BAER BLACKSMITH SHOP FAR RIGHT. SKETCHED FROM 1898 PHOTO LOANED BY MRS. ARCH WILSON, MY DOYLE SCHOOL TEACHER.





1900 PARLOR

WITH THE EARLY SETTLERS IN SANTA CLARA VALLEY CAME THEIR MIDWESTERN PARLOR. FOR OUR YOUNGER GENERATION THE BEST DEFINITION OF A PARLOR IS TO SAY IT WAS EXACT OPPOSITE OF TODAY'S RUMPUS ROOM. IT WAS A PLACE OF DIGNITY WITH BLINDS PULLED DURING THE WEEK, RAISED ONLY TO BROOM-SWEEP OR FEATHER DUST. THIS OPERATION SIMPLY MOVED DUST FROM ONE LOCATION TO ANOTHER AND LEFT A STRANGE, SOLEMN, FUNERIAL ODOR, (AND FOR SUCH OCCASIONS OUR PARLOR WAS SO USED).....ON THE OTHER HAND, THE ROOM HELD JOYOUS SCENES SUCH AS WEDDINGS, RELATIVE REUNIONS, SUNDAY VISITORS AND CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS.....IT WAS THE FAMILY MUSEUM, "WHATNOT" AS CENTERPIECE.....THIS MIGHT DISPLAY AN OSTRICH EGG, BABY SHOE, SHARK'S TOOTH, SEA SHELL CONTAINING ALLEGED OCEAN ROAR, STUFFED BIRD, TINTYPES

OF BUG-EYED RELATIVES AND GLASS DOMED CASE WITH A LOCK OF AUNT MARY'S CURLS. ALWAYS A PAIR OF EITHER KINDLY OR CRITICAL ANCESTORS LOOKED DOWN UPON US FROM THEIR ENORMOUS FRAMES. A VISIT COULD BE LIGHTENED BY A ROUND WITH THE STEREOSCOPE AND LATEST SLIDES OF DEWEY'S FLEET OR THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR. THE FAMILY ALBUM WAS LAST RESORT AND ABOUT AS EXCITING AS LAST YEAR'S ALMANAC. WE YOUNGSTERS AVOIDED THE LEATHER FURNITURE WITH STABBING HORSE HAIR. YET SOMEHOW I BELIEVE OUR ANCESTORS WOULD ENJOY A MODERN LIVING ROOM, EVEN A FEW WHO WOULD GO FOR THE RUMPUS ROOM!

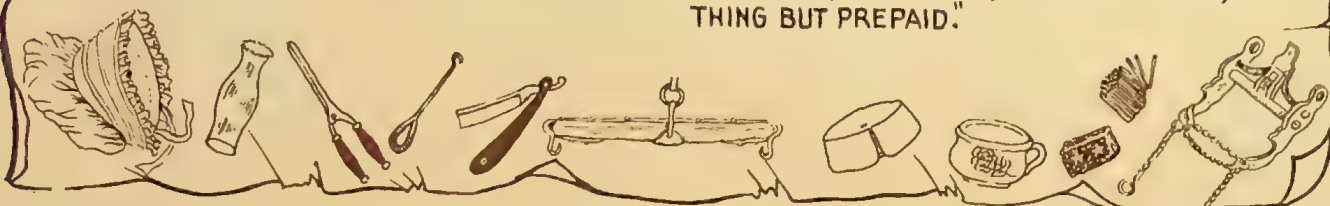




1900 Country Store

OUT IN THE COUNTRY ABOUT 1900 B.C. (BEFORE CARS) GETTING DRESSED, MAYBE EVEN TAKING A BATH, HITCHING UP A SLOW HORSE AND DRIVING TO SAN JOSE MIGHT CONSUME AN ENTIRE DAY. CONSEQUENTLY, CONVENIENT LITTLE ONE ROOM "SHOPPING CENTERS" SPRANG UP AT CROSS ROAD CORNERS AND WERE CALLED COUNTRY GROCERIES. THEY WERE NOT CASH-AND-CARRY. ONE COULD RUN A BILL FOR SIX MONTHS OR A YEAR AND PAY WHEN CROPS WERE IN. CASH WAS SCARCE AND FOLKS TRADED BUTTER, EGGS AND FRUIT FOR GROCERIES. STORE STOCK WAS AMAZINGLY DIVERSIFIED, MUCH OF IT NOW OBSOLETE AND UNFAMILIAR TO NEW GENERATIONS. OUR GROCERY MAN COULD PROVIDE LAMP WICKS, BUTTON HOOKS, COLLAR-BUTTONS, SULPHUR MATCHES, CELLULOID COLLARS (CLEANED WITH A DAMP RAG) FLOWER POTS, BEAN

POTS AND CHAMBER POTS, WHIPPLE-TREES, KICKING STRAPS, CRUPPERS, COFFEE GRINDERS AND DO-IT-YOURSELF SHOE-MAKER KITS. HE WOULD GLADLY SNIPOFF A YARD OF GINGHAM FROM THE VARIEGATED BOLTS ON HIS SHELVES. THE EDIBLES WERE AS GOOD IN QUALITY AND FLAVOR AS TODAY'S BUT LACKED THE VARIETY AND CONVENIENCE. WE SAW NO GAUDY LABELLED CONTAINERS OR PESKY CELLOPHANE. ALL WAS OPEN FOR INSPECTION INCLUDING THE SODA CRACKERS AND DILL PICKLES FOR THE LOCAL POT-BELLIED STOVE CLUB. (GROCER QUIETLY ADDED SAMPLINGS TO THEIR BILLS.) NO, I NEVER SAW THAT PROVERBIAL CAT ASLEEP IN A BOX OF DRIED PRUNES. WE LIVE TODAY IN A WONDER AGE OF "PRE-WASHED PRE-PEELED, PRE-COOKED, AND PRE-WRAPPED, EVERY THING BUT PREPAID."





1900 KITCHEN

FOR MAMA OR GRANDMA, HERE THEIR THEME SONG COULD BE "HOME ON THE RANGE". COMPARATIVELY SPEAKING IT WAS A HOT, INCONVENIENT PLACE OF DRUDGERY. FORTUNATELY TODAY'S DREAM KITCHEN COULD NOT THEN BE EVEN IMAGINED. WHY HERE DESCRIBE THOSE OLD FAMILIAR DISHES OR THE UNBELIEVABLE BAKERY AND CANNERY PRODUCTION THIS SMALL ROOM PRODUCED? WHY NOT MAKE A 60 YEAR LAPSE COMPARISON; FOR INSTANCE, PREPARATION OF A CHICKEN DINNER FOR FOUR? START THE FILM AND CRANK RAPIDLY. FIRST, DAD CHASED DOWN A "LIKELY LOOKIN'" RHODE ISLAND RED OR PLYMOUTH ROCK. (NO, YOUNGSTER, NO PILGRIMS INVOLVED). MEANWHILE THE RANGE WAS STOKED UP TO HEAT SCALDING WATER FOR PLUCKING AFTER THE CHOPPING BLOCK TRAGEDY. THEN CAME CLEANING, DISJOINTING, WASHING, FLOURING AND SKILLET FRYING IN DEEP FAT. POTATOES WERE DUG, WASHED, PEELED, BOILED, MASHED.

GARDEN PEAS WERE PICKED, SHELLED AND STEWED. FOR PIE APPLES WERE PICKED, WASHED, PEELED, CORED AND SLICED. FOR PIE CRUST, FLOUR SIFTED, SHORTENING ADDED, MIXED, ROLLED, PLACED IN PIE TIN FILLED WITH SEASONED APPLES AND ARTISTIC LATTICE TOP ADDED. RANGE AGAIN STOKED AND PIES SHOVED IN TO BAKE AT A BY-GUESS AND BY-GOSH TEMPERATURE, - ELAPSED TIME, 3 OR 4 HOURS AND EXPENDITURE OF ABOUT FOUR BITS FOR STORE STAPLES. CHANGE THE FILM AND PRESS THE BUTTON FOR TODAY. SO AS NOT TO MISS THAT RE-RUN OF GUNSMOKE OR WAGON TRAIN, WE CRAWL INTO OUR UNPAID-FOR CAR AND RACE THREE BLOCKS TO THE NEAREST SAFEWAY. WE GRAB FOUR GRANDMA JONES TV FROZEN CHICKEN DINNERS, A PACKAGE OF AUNTY MARY'S FROZEN PEAS AND A MOTHER MCKREE'S FROZEN APPLE PIE. THEN ELECTRIC OVEN FOR 30 MIN. @ 400°. SIMPLE. AND NOTE GRANDMA, AUNTY AND MAMA ARE STILL AVAILABLE!





1900 CHRISTMAS



CHRISTMAS SIXTY YEARS AGO IN SANTA CLARA VALLEY WAS AS JOYOUSLY AND REVERENTLY CELEBRATED AS TODAY. IT WAS CONDUCTED ON A MUCH LOWER, MORE RELAXED SCALE AND TEMPO. I KNOW IN OUR ONE CHILD FAMILY THE OBSERVANCE WAS GEARED TO FIT OUR MODEST CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS DID NOT HINDER ENJOYMENT, IN FACT, LOOKING BACKWARD, IT WHETTED KEENER APPRECIATION. CHRISTMAS WAS MORE FOR CHILDREN THAN PARENTS. MINE DID EXCHANGE DULL PRESENTS, USUALLY HOMEMADE AND VALUABLE ONLY FOR THE SENTIMENTAL EXPRESSION. CHILDREN, SPECIALLY COUNTRY BOYS LIKE WRITER, (SEE ABOVE FROM FAMILY ALBUM), WERE NAIVE AND UNSOPHISTICATED. WE WERE UNEXPOSED TO LEGIONS OF FALSE BEARDED SAINTS ON TV AND IN SHOPPING CENTERS. I THINK I BELIEVED IN SANTA UNTIL OLD ENOUGH TO SHAVE! TOYS HAD NONE OF THE "SCIENTIFIC" OR THE "EDUCATIONAL" VALUE OF TODAY'S PLAYTHING WONDERS BUT, WE WERE HAPPY, — BECAUSE WE KNEW NOTHING BETTER?

A small boy was chosen as one of the THREE WISE MEN for a Church Christmas. To his disgust, mama made him a costume; his white nightgown, horrible cotton beard & pasteboard crown. While organ played SILENT NIGHT the wee THREE WISE MEN, bearing gifts, etc., solemnly strode after a Star. Ah! but the WISE MAN ahead of me dropped his gift bag of MARBLES! I became "roller-bearing" and I spoiled the TABLEAUX — or did I?



MAMA DIDN'T SEEM OVERLY PLEASED WITH DAD'S GIFT OF A CLOTHES WRINGER



BUT THEN, NEITHER WAS DAD THRILLED WITH HIS PINK COAT-HANGER STUFFED WITH DRIED LAVENDER.



I ALWAYS WANTED A "WEEDEN STEAM ENGINE." I FINALLY BOUGHT ONE 30 YEARS LATER FOR — ME.

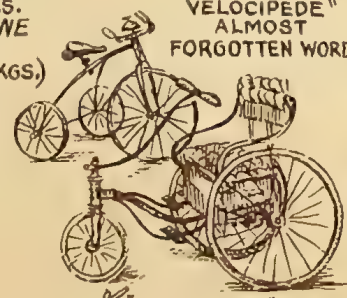


ONE YEAR I WAS ENVY OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD WITH A WIND-UP TRAIN AND SIX FEET OF TRACK!



I GOT A MAGIC-LANTERN BUT NOT FOR CHRISTMAS. I SOLD 50 PKGS. OF BLUINE FOR THIS PRIZE. (MAMA BOUGHT THE LAST 47 PKGS.)

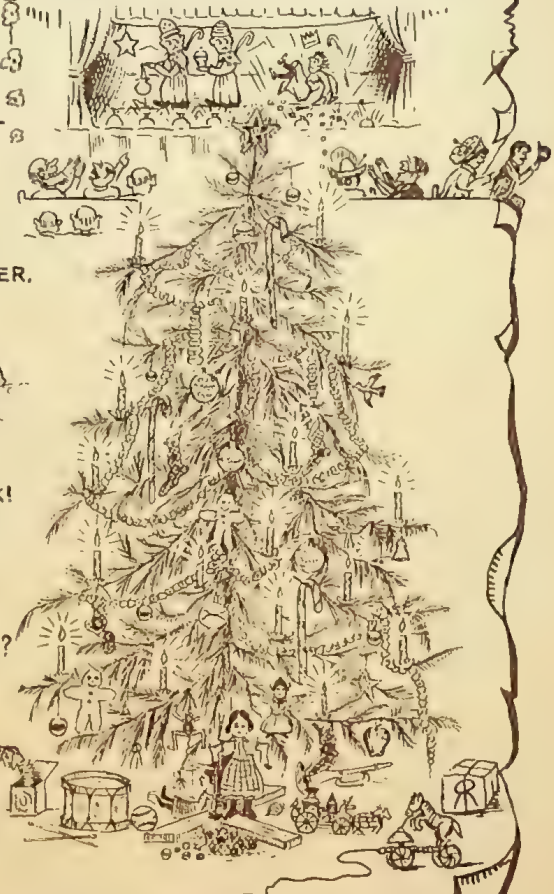
"TRICYCLE AND VELOCIPEDE" ALMOST FORGOTTEN WORDS?



"MOSTLY FOR GIRLS"



"HARD CANDY" WAS MOST POPULAR. NICE TO STUFF IN SOCKS AND LESS "DEADLY" THAN THE HOLIDAY PINOCHE AND DIVINITY FUDGE!





Why the Name . . . ?

NAMES OF PEOPLE + PLACES + EVENTS = HISTORY

THE FOLLOWING PAGES CONTAIN DEFINITIONS, FACTS
AND ANECDOTES RELATING TO OLD SANTA CLARA VALLEY.
THIS IS A HIGHLY CONDENSED, ALPHABETICAL SELECTION,
SIMPLY INTENDED TO UNEARTH ALMOST FORGOTTEN
INFORMATION AND A TASTE OF LONG GONE "ATMOSPHERE."

NOTE OF ENCOURAGEMENT: THIS IS NOT "DRY DICTIONARY."
HERE AND THERE WE WANDER, — AND HOW!

Why the Name . . . ?



AGNEW: "AGNEWS" COMMONLY USED BUT ABRAM AGNEW SETTLED IN THIS TERRITORY NORTH OF SANTA CLARA ABOUT 1873. THE ORIGINAL "AGNEWS INSANE ASYLUM" SHOWN ABOVE (1894) WAS PRACTICALLY DESTROYED BY 1906 QUAKE AND OVER 125 KILLED.

ALMADEN: (SEE SPECIAL PAGE) MEANS "THE MINE." NEW ALMADEN IS PROPER, BEING NAMED FOR THE OLD ORIGINAL IN SPAIN, RICHEST QUICKSILVER MINE IN THE WORLD, PRODUCING 200 LBS. OF QUICKSILVER PER TON OF ORE TO NEW ALMADEN'S 20 LBS. VALLEY INDIANS FIRST USED THE VERMILION CINNABAR AS FACE AND BODY PAINT DESPITE SEVERE SALIVATING. ORE DISCOVERY IN 1822. WORKED FOR GOLD AND SILVER BY DON SUÑOL IN 1824. NO RESULTS. QUICKSILVER RECOGNIZED BY DON CASTILLERO AT SANTA CLARA MISSION IN 1845.



ALMA: (AND LEXINGTON) CHARMING LITTLE MOUNTAIN TOWNS 3 MILES ABOVE LOS GATOS ON THE SAN JOSE - SANTA CRUZ RAILROAD. NOW BURIED BENEATH LEXINGTON DAM. BOTH ON STAGE LINE. SHIPPING POINTS FOR MOUNTAIN FRUIT AND LUMBER. 8 SAWMILLS, POST OFFICES, STORES, BLACKSMITHS.



ALVISO: 8 MILES N. OF SAN JOSE. ONCE CALLED EMBARCADERO DE SANTA CLARA. EARLIEST LANDING POINT FOR FIRST SEA-FARING SETTLERS. EXTENSIVE SHIPPING POINT FOR OLD VALLEY HIDES, TALLOW GRAIN, LUMBER AND QUICKSILVER. SITE OF A HOPEFUL "NEW CHICAGO," A MARSHY SUBDIVISION, SO WET, MAIL-ORDER BUYERS FOUND THEIR LOTS BY ROW-BOAT. NAMED FOR DON IGNACIO ALVISO WHO ARRIVED WITH DE ANZA IN 1776. SETTLED HERE IN 1838. ONCE THE SITE OF LARGE SHIPPING WAREHOUSES, CANNERIES, OYSTER BEDS PLANTED WITH EASTERN OYSTERS, ASPARAGUS FIELDS, POULTRY SHELL PLANT. HEART OF THE ARTESIAN WELL SECTION. FIRST PLANTING OF VALLEY PEAR ORCHARDS.

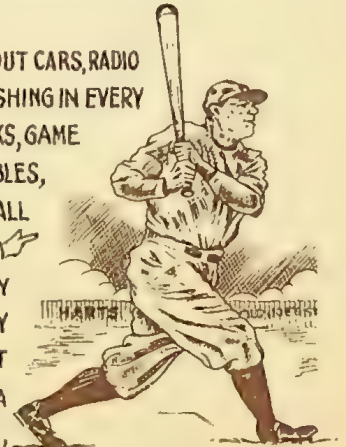


AGRICULTURAL PARK OR FAIR GROUNDS ON THE ALAMEDA WEST OF RACE STREET TURN. 76 ACRES BOUGHT IN 1859 FROM GEN. NAGLEE FOR \$6000. BICYCLE RACES, BALLOON ASCENSIONS, BUFFALO BILL. GEN. GRANT WATCHED LELAND STANFORD'S HORSE RACE HERE. AND THROUGH A KNOT HOLE THE WRITER AT A TENDER AGE WATCHED BARNEY OLDFIELD BREAK THE WORLD'S AUTO SPEED RECORD AT A HAIR-RAISING 60 MILES PER HOUR.

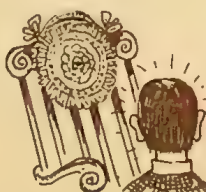


ALUM ROCK: CITY PARK NAMED FOR CLIFF AT CANYON ENTRANCE CONTAINING ALUM MINERAL. FOUNDED 1872. SERVED AT VARIOUS TIMES BY OMNIBUS, STEAM TRAIN AND ELECTRIC CARS. AT ONE SIDE OF THE PARK ROAD WAS A TON SIZE METEOR. DURING WORLD WAR I "PATRIOTICALLY" DESTROYED FOR ITS METAL! ONLY A FEW OF THE MANY MINERAL SPRINGS NOW FLOW, ONCE HIGHLY REGARDED AS CURES FOR PIONEER ACHES AND PAINS.

AMUSEMENTS: HOW? WITHOUT CARS, RADIO OR TV? FINE UNCROWDED TROUT FISHING IN EVERY CREEK. SWARMS OF GEESE AND DUCKS, GAME IN THE HILLS. SMALL FOLKS - MARBLES, KITES, TOPS. STATE LEAGUE BASE BALL AT LUNA PARK. BABE RUTH VISITS. HAL CHASE OUR GREATEST. SODALITY PARK, SCHEUTZEN PARK, GARDEN CITY WHEELMEN, RIFLE CLUBS. PICNICS AT ALUM ROCK, CONGRESS SPRINGS, SODA ROCK. THEATERS: LIBERTY, UNIQUE, LYRIC, VICTORY, EMPIRE, RINGLING BROS. SELLS-FLOTO, BARNUM & BAILEY. MEDICINE SHOWS LIKE FERDON OR KAMAMA. SARATOGA BLOSSOM FESTIVALS AND ROSE CARNIVALS. A SALUTE TO THE ONLY SURVIVOR, - PORTUGUESE FIESTAS!



ANTIMACASSAR: INTERESTING OLD WORD; STILL ALIVE. PIONEER MEN PLASTERED DOWN THEIR HAIR WITH MACASSAR OIL IMPORTED FROM MACASSAR IN THE CELEBES. IN DESPERATION, LADIES MADE ANTI-MACASSARS TO PROTECT CHAIRS. STILL IN USE, NOW TO COMBAT THAT "GREASY KID STUFF."



Why the Name . . . ?

ARTESIAN: THE VALLEY'S EARLY SETTLERS DEPENDED ON SHALLOW SURFACE WELLS, SPRINGS AND CREEKS FOR WATER SUPPLY. BUT IN 1854 ON 5TH STREET, THE MERRITT BROTHERS TRIED FOR A LOWER STRATUM. AT 50 FEET STRUCK A GUSHER. SOME 6" WELLS SPOUTED 16 FEET. MOST FAMOUS WELL IN HISTORY, G.A. DABNEY'S ON SAN FERNANDO ST. FLOODED THE TOWN. CITY COUNCIL IMPOSED \$50 A DAY FINE FOR EVERY DAY IT RAN. HAD NO EFFECT ON WELL, OR DABNEY. OTHER WELLS GRADUALLY DECREASED ITS FLOW. MORE AND MORE WELLS AND THE ARTESIAN PERIOD ENDS.



AZULE: SPRINGS AND MOUNTAIN SECTION NEAR SARATOGA; MT. EDEN DISTRICT. AZULE MEANS "BLUE". COULD HAVE BEEN NAMED FOR BLUE WATERS OF SPRINGS OR HEAVY GROWTH OF WILD LILAC OR CEANOTHUS IN THAT LOCALITY.



BACON: FRANK BACON, THE ACTOR, RECEIVED MUCH OF HIS EARLY EXPERIENCE LOCALLY BEFORE HIS GREAT SUCCESS IN THE TITLE ROLE OF LIGHTNIN' WHICH RAN THREE YEARS ON BROADWAY. HE ENJOYED A VACATION ORCHARD HOME NEAR MOUNTAIN VIEW.



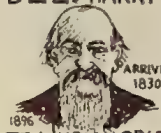
BALDWIN: IN 1892 REAR ADMIRAL CHARLES S. BALDWIN PURCHASED 137 ACRES BETWEEN CUPERTINO AND MONTA VISTA. BESIDES RESIDENCE, GUEST HOUSE AND STONE WINERY, HE BUILT LE PETIT TRIANON. THIS WAS A REPLICA OF A MINIATURE VERSAILLES PALACE LOUIS XVI PRESENTED TO MARIE ANTOINETTE. HE CALLED HIS PLACE BEAULIEU (GOOD EARTH) AND HAD ONE OF THE FIRST SWIMMING POOLS, POLO FIELDS AND A FRENCH AUTOMOBILE, IMPORTING A FRENCH CHAUFFEUR TO RUN IT, WHICH IT DID, - OCCASIONALLY. NOW, THIS ESTATE IS SITE FOR NEW DE ANZA COLLEGE WITH POSSIBLE TRIANON PRESERVATION.



BASCOM: DR. AND MRS. BASCOM OWNED 135 ACRES ON THE WEST SIDE OF THE PRESENT AVENUE NEAR SANTA CLARA AND BUILT HOME IN 1852. GRANDMA BASCOM CONDUCTED A HIGH CLASS BOARDING HOUSE IN 1849, THE YEAR THAT STATE LEGISLATURE MET FOR THE FIRST

TIME IN SAN JOSE, THE NEW STATE CAPITOL. SOME OF HER GUESTS WERE FREMONT, PICO, SUÑOL, REEDS AND MURPHYS.

BEE: HARRY BEE, ONE OF EARLY SAN JOSE'S BEST KNOWN. WAS SHERIFF IN 1849 AND WHITE WAS, ALCALDE. WHITE GOT THE GOLD FEVER AND LEFT FOR THE MINES, TELLING BEE TO DO AS HE PLEASED WITH TEN INDIAN PRISONERS, SOME MURDERERS. HARRY TURNED THEM LOOSE, TAKING THE GANG TO THE MINES TO WORK FOR HIM. ALL WENT WELL FOR 3 MONTHS. THEN HARRY SCENTED REBELLION. HE SLIPPED BACK TO SAN JOSE WITH A FORTUNE. THE INDIANS WORKED JUST ONE DAY AFTERWARD, GOT DRUNK, FOUGHT AND CONVENIENTLY AND PRACTICALLY, EXTERMINATED THEMSELVES.



BERNAL: JOAQUIN BERNAL HELD A GRANT OF 9,647 ACRES 8 MILES SOUTH OF SAN JOSE AS A REWARD FROM THE KING OF SPAIN FOR INVESTIGATING CALIFORNIA'S MINERAL WEALTH IN 1795. HE WAS THE TYPICAL DON. LARGE HACIENDA, SWIMMING POOL ANTEDATING BALDWIN'S BY A CENTURY. ARENA FOR "BULL AND GRIZZLY" FIGHTS. LIVED TO AGE 97, HIS WIFE, 110 AND LEFT SEVENTY-EIGHT CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

BERRYESSA: NAMED FOR THE EARLIEST SETTLER IN THIS DISTRICT EAST OF SAN JOSE, NICOLÁS ANTONIO BERRYESSA MEMBER OF THE DE ANZA 1769 EXPEDITION. FOR DECADES THIS THEN "REMOTE SPOT" WAS MARKED ONLY BY STORE, CHURCH, POST OFFICE BLACKSMITH AND VAST, QUIET ACRES.



BRET HARTE: MADE SEVERAL TRIPS TO SAN JOSE WHILE EDITOR OF OVERLAND MONTHLY AND LECTURED HERE. DESCRIBED BY SAWYER: "SMALL, DAPPER, ELEGANTLY CLOTHED, BLACK MUSTACHIOS, BURNSIDES, POCK-MARKED."



BUNTLINE: NED BUNTLINE (COL. E.C. JUDSON) WAS THE ORIGINATOR OF THE DIME NOVEL. DISCOVERED WM. CODY (BUFFALO BILL) AND WITH HIS PEN ALONE, MADE THIS LITTLE KNOWN HUNTER FOR THE ARMY THE MOST FAMOUS MAN IN AMERICA. BUNTLINE WAS A REFORMED DRUNKARD. GAVE PROHIBITION LECTURES IN S.J. 1858.



Why the Name . . . ?

CALABAZAS: MEANS GOURDS, PUMPKIN OR SQUASH. COULD HAVE BEEN SO NAMED BECAUSE THE INDIANS CAMPED ALONG THIS LITTLE WEST SIDE CREEK RAISED THESE VEGETABLES. GOURDS USED FOR DRINKING VESSELS. PIONEERS REMEMBER ENCAMPMENTS OF NATIVES ON STEVENS CREEK ROAD CRAFT RANCH WHO WERE CLEARING BRUSH FOR SETTLERS AND SOLD THEM PUMPKINS.



CALAVERAS: MEANS "SKULLS," PROBABLY SO NAMED BY EARLY SPANIARDS BECAUSE OF LARGE QUANTITIES OF HUMAN BONES AND SKULLS FOUND IN THIS NORTHEASTERN AREA. POSSIBLY A BATTLE GROUND.



CALIFORNIA: NO ONE KNOWS EXACT ORIGIN. FIRST SHOWN ON SPANISH MAP, 1562. SENATOR PHELAN'S SARATOGA ESTATE IS NAMED MONTALVO WHICH MIGHT HOLD A CLUE. IN THE EARLY SIXTEENTH CENTURY, A MONTALVO WROTE A ROMANCE CALLED LAS SERGAS DE ESPLANDIAN DEALING WITH A FANTASTIC LAND OF AMAZONS, GOLD AND SILVER PLUS A QUEEN NAMED CALAFIA. WRITING SAID TO HAVE INSPIRED CORTEZ WEST COAST EXPEDITION. ON THE OTHER HAND "CALIDA FORNAX (L) MEANS "HOT FURNACE." FROM THE GREEK, "KALA PHOR NEIA" = "NEW COUNTRY." FROM THE SPANISH "COLOFONIA" = "RESIN" AND CALIFORNIA INDIANS USED "KALI FORNO" MEANING "MOUNTAINS OR HILLS." SO, QUIEN SABE?

CAMPBELL: WILLIAM CAMPBELL, VETERAN OF WAR OF 1812, TRAVELLED PART WAY WEST WITH DONNER PARTY IN 1846. HAD A SAW MILL ABOVE SARATOGA. HIS SON, BENJAMIN FOR WHOM CITY IS NAMED, SUBDIVIDED IN 1885. EACH DEED CONTAINED PROVISIO THAT SHOULD LIQUOR EVER BE SOLD ON THE PREMISES THE LAND WOULD BE FORFEIT. IN 1903 PRES. THEODORE ROOSEVELT PLANTED THE MUCH DISPUTED REDWOOD TREE, AT THIS WRITING, STRUGGLING FOR SURVIVAL.



CARRETA: MOST PRIMITIVE OF VEHICLES, PAINFULLY SIMPLE AND SIMPLY PAINFUL FOR RIDERS. THE TWO WHEELS WERE SECTIONS OF A LOG; AXLE ATTACHED WITH WOOD PEGS KEPT WHEELS FROM FALLING OFF. ANOTHER POLE ATTACHED TO AXLE BECAME THE TONGUE. UPON THIS WAS BUILT EITHER A PLAIN OR ELABORATE WICKERWORK FRAME TIED WITH STRIPS OF HIDE. PULLED BY SLOW OXEN PRODDED WITH A SHARP STICK SQUEAKS COULD BE HEARD FOR A MILE. SENORITAS SCREAMED FOR LITTLE INDIAN BOY TO DOSE THE AXLES WITH TALLOW.



CATALA': FRANCISCAN PRIEST OF SANTA CLARA MISSION 1794. A MOST DEVOUT ASCETIC CONSIDERED BY HIS CONGREGATION TO BE SAINTLY. IN 1795 WITH 200 INDIAN NEOPHYTES (CONVERTS) HE LAYED OUT AND PLANTED THE ALMOST IMPASSABLE ALAMEDA TO 3 ROWS OF WILLOWS, JOINING PUEBLOS OF SANTA CLARA AND SAN JOSE. MADE BAREFOOT MISSIONARY TRIPS TO ALL PARTS OF VALLEY. NO PICTURES OF HIM EXIST.

CHINESE: SAN JOSE ONCE HAD THE SECOND LARGEST CHINATOWN IN THE UNITED STATES NUMBERING OVER 4000. THEY FLOCKED TO S.F. AND THIS AREA AFTER THE GOLD RUSH AND COLONIZED FOR PROTECTION AGAINST PERSECUTION BY MEXICANS AND AMERICANS. WE HAD FOUR OF SUCH CHINATOWNS BUT THE LARGEST AND LAST WAS IN THE AREA OF SEVENTH AND TAYLOR. ALL ARE GONE AND THIS IS NOW AN INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT. FOR FIFTY YEARS ONE COULD STEP INTO ANOTHER WORLD, A LITTLE CHINA WITH "HATCHET MEN," SLAVE GIRLS, OPIUM DENS AND LOTTERY PARLORS. TONGS WERE FORMED, EITHER FOR PROTECTION FROM CRIMINALS OR FOR HIGHBINDER TRIBUTE LIKE EASTERN GANGSTERS. IN 1867 THE HIP SING TONG WAS FORMED WITH RIVAL, THE HOP SING TONG. AS LATE AS 1923 A GUN BATTLE WAS FOUGHT ON THE ONE MAIN STREET. GRADUALLY THE AMERICANIZATION OF THE YOUNGSTERS AND LAWS AGAINST GAMBLING LED TO CHINATOWN'S DOWNFALL. ALL THAT REMAINED WAS THE BRICK HEADQUARTERS OF THE HOP SING TONGS AND WHERE THEY WORSHIPPED THEIR GODS, THE OLD JOSS HOUSE. THESE WERE (UNFORTUNATELY) DISMANTLED IN 1949.

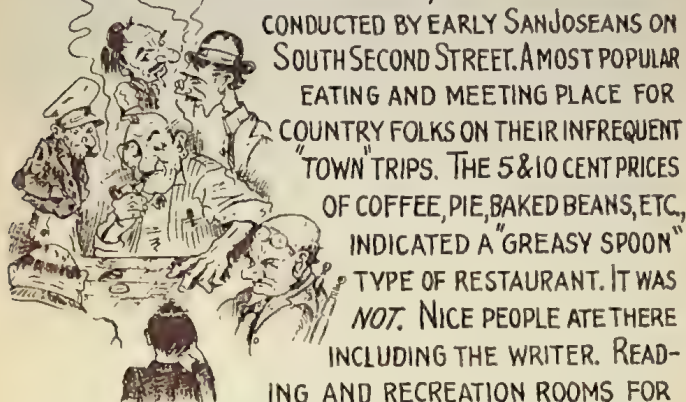


BURIAL SOCIETIES INSURED RETURN OF ASHES TO HOMETLAND. DECEASED, DELINQUENT WITH DUES?, WERE PARADED IN STYLE TO OAK HILL'S CHINESE CEMETERY HEADED BY WILL LAKE'S MUNICIPAL BAND. PAID PROFESSIONAL MOURNERS WEPT AND WAILED. THEN SACRIFICES ON BRICK ALTAR, ROAST DUCK OR PORK, CLOSELY OBSERVED BY HUNGRY HOBOES, - EVEN SMALL BOYS MIGHT (SKIP IT.) WE HIRED COOLIES TO PICK OUR PRUNES. OUR GANG WAS CAMPED NEXT TO A CHICKEN HOUSE SUBJECT TO NIGHTLY RAIDS BY A SKUNK. ONE NIGHT WE WERE AWAKENED BY THE EXPLOSIONS OF FIRECRACKERS. DAD STUCK HIS HEAD THROUGH THE SCREEN AND RECEIVED THIS ORIENTAL EXPLANATION, "SO SOLLY MR. LAMBO, JUSS FLI-KLACKAS, LITTY BLACK PUSSY CAT, - TOO STINK!"



Why the Name . . . ?

COFFEE CLUB:



A CO-OPERATIVE, NON-PROFIT PROJECT CONDUCTED BY EARLY SANJOSEANS ON SOUTH SECOND STREET. A MOST POPULAR EATING AND MEETING PLACE FOR COUNTRY FOLKS ON THEIR INFREQUENT "TOWN" TRIPS. THE 5 & 10 CENT PRICES OF COFFEE, PIE, BAKED BEANS, ETC., INDICATED A "GREASY SPOON" TYPE OF RESTAURANT. IT WAS NOT NICE PEOPLE ATE THERE INCLUDING THE WRITER. READING AND RECREATION ROOMS FOR

CONGRESS SPRINGS:



OR PACIFIC CONGRESS SPRINGS, NAMED FOR EASTERN COUNTERPART IN SARATOGA, N.Y. ONE MILE ABOVE SARATOGA.

DISCOVERED 1862 BY JERD CALDWELL. ELEGANT RESORT HOTEL BUILT ON 720 ACRES. MINERAL SPRING WATER SUPPLIED TO ALL WESTERN CITIES. PENINSULAR R.R. EXTENDED LINE IN 1925 AND THIS BECAME EVEN MORE A POPULAR VALLEY PICNIC GROUNDS. DIFFICULT NOW TO PICTURE OR EVEN LOCATE.

COOKS POND:



A SMALL, FORGOTTEN LAKE NEAR THE PRATT-LOW WATER TOWER, SOUTHERN S.C. CITY LIMITS. ORIGINALLY, THIS LONG GONE LAKE WAS FED BY BROOKS FROM THE STOCKTON AVENUE AND THE ALAMEDA SECTIONS. A CANAL DUG FROM IT, IRRIGATED THE MISSION'S GARDENS AND ORCHARD IN THE 1770'S. LATER BECAME A RECREATION PARK. ONE OF THE TWO REDWOODS AT ENTRANCE ON THE ALAMEDA CAN STILL BE SEEN.

COOPER:



A.D.M. COOPER WAS ONE OF THE OLD VALLEY'S MOST POPULAR ARTISTS. HE SPECIALIZED IN ALLEGORICAL SUBJECTS AND UNLIKE MAJORITY OF TODAY'S PAINTERS, FEARLESSLY PORTRAYED THE HUMAN FIGURE, USUALLY SHOWN LIFE SIZE. WITH HIS SCENES SET IN MILD CLIMATES, HIS FEMALE FIGURES REQUIRED LITTLE DRAPERY. HIS ADMIRERS WERE LEGION.

HIS ENORMOUS WORKS OF ART CAN STILL BE VIEWED IN SEVERAL PUBLIC PLACES. OTHER ARTISTS OF GREAT TALENT AND POPULARITY WERE CHARLES HARMON, ANDREW P. HILL, PAINTING EARLY PIONEER SCENES AND VALLEY'S BEAUTY.

CORY:



DR. BENJAMIN CORY WAS THE VALLEY'S FIRST "HORSE AND BUGGY" DOCTOR, ARRIVING IN 1847 AND HIS SERVICES WERE AVAILABLE FOR 47 YEARS. POPULAR, KIND HEARTED AND GENEROUS TO A FAULT WITH HIS BILL COLLECTIONS. ONLY ONCE DID THE GOOD DOCTOR GENTLY REMONSTRATE WITH A PATIENT WHO NOT ONLY REFUSED PAYMENT BUT CONSIDERED HIMSELF INSULTED! HE CHALLENGED DR. CORY TO A DUEL! THE DOCTOR ACCEPTED AND WHEN GIVEN CHOICE OF WEAPONS, PROMPTLY SAID, "SHOT GUNS AT 10 PAGES." NO DUEL. BILL PAID.

COYOTE:



12 MILES SOUTH OF S.J. FROM THE MEXICAN-AZTEC WORD "COYOTL" PERTAINING TO THE WESTERN WOLF. THE ARROYO DE COYOTE WAS NAMED BY 1776 EXPEDITION OF DE ANZA.

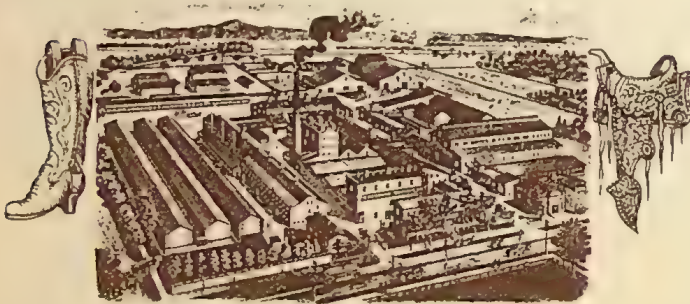
CUPERTINO:

(SEE PICTURE ON BLACKSMITH PAGE) HERE WAS THE WRITER'S BOYHOOD TERRITORY. THIS WEST SECTION WAS NAMED CUPERTINO FOR AN ITALIAN SAINT JOSEPH OF CUPERTINO BY PADRE FONT OF THE DE ANZA EXPEDITION. THESE EXPLORERS MADE CAMP NEAR THE PRESENT BLACKBERRY FARM (MONTA VISTA). THIS WAS MARCH 1776. THEY CALLED THE STREAM ARROYO DE SAN JOSE CUPERTINO. THIS LATER WAS CALLED STEVENS CREEK. (SEE STEVENS CREEK). A POST OFFICE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1882 ON McCLELLAN ROAD CALLED CUPERTINO, CHANGED TO WEST SIDE IN 1895 AND BACK TO CUPERTINO IN 1900 AT INTERSECTION LOCATION ON HIGHWAY 9. OF COURSE ELISHA STEVENS (ACTUALLY STEPHENS) WAS ONE OF THE FIRST PIONEERS ARRIVING IN EARLY '50'S AND SETTLING NEAR BLACKBERRY FARM. PETER BALL SETTLED ON 350 ACRES; 1850 AND W.L. BLABON IN 1860 PAID ABOUT \$10 AN ACRE FOR 350 A. ON HWY 9. OTHER EARLY CUPERTINO PIONEERS, SUTHERLAND GRIMES, MONTGOMERY, DOYLE, SELINGER, WILLIAMS, REGNART. AN INTERESTING SETTLEMENT SIDELIGHT, - ABOUT 1880 AN UNUSUAL GROUP ARRIVED TO POPULATE THIS SECTION. THEY WERE ALL RETIRED SEA CAPTAINS WITH FAMILIES. EACH BOUGHT ABOUT 50 ACRES, ALL BUILT GOOD (CAPE COD) HOMES, ALL PLANTED VINEYARDS, ALL PROSPERED, AS WOOD, CROSSLEY BLAKE, ROSS, DUNBAR, PORTER, MERIWETHER, HARRIMAN, GIBSON.

Why the Name . . . ?

DÁVILA: AGUSTÍN DÁVILA, ARTIST, DECORATED THE 5TH. SANTA CLARA MISSION CHURCH WITH MURALS AIDED BY INDIAN NEOPHYTES. PIGMENTS, INCLUDING ALMADEN CINNABAR VERMILION, WERE MIXED WITH MAGUEY, OR CACTUS JUICE AND PAINTED ON ADZED SLABS OF REDWOOD, 1825. RETAINED INTACT AS LATE AS 1860 BUT 1926 FIRE ENTIRELY DESTROYED. DÁVILA'S NAME BRIEFLY SHOWN IN MISSION RECORDS. BACKGROUND A MYSTERY. IT IS KNOWN IN 1845 HE WAS GRANTEE OF "3 LEAGUES" IN SANTA BARBARA COUNTY OF 13,332 ACRES (WORTH A FEW CENTS AN ACRE THEN)

DAWSON: DR. JAMES M. DAWSON IN 1871 NOTICED THE EVER INCREASING ACREAGE AND HEAVY CROPS OF PERISHABLE FRUIT IN THE VALLEY, MUCH OF IT GOING TO WASTE. IN THE BACK YARD OF HIS HOME ON THE ALAMEDA, OVER A COOKING STOVE IN A 12 X 16 SHED, HE SUCCESSFULLY PRESERVED THE FIRST FRUIT IN TIN CONTAINERS. THE FIRST SEASONS PACK-350 CASES. THUS STARTED AN INDUSTRY THAT WOULD ESTABLISH THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY AS THE FRUIT CANNING CENTER OF THE WORLD.



EBERHARD TANNING CO., THE OLDEST INDUSTRIAL PLANT IN THE VALLEY. LOCATED ON EL CAMINO REAL ACROSS FROM SANTA CLARA MISSION. NEW ENGINEERING AND LIBRARY NOW OCCUPY EXACT OLD SITE. REMNANTS DEMOLISHED TEN YEARS AGO. UNOFFICIAL INFORMATION PLACES ITS EXISTENCE EARLY AS 1847, BELONGING TO A DON RAMÓN. THE EBERHARDS ACQUIRED IN 1861 AND FOR 85 YEARS WAS WORLD FAMOUS AS PRODUCERS OF HIGHEST QUALITY LEATHERS, SPECIALLY FOR SADDLES. MOST FAMOUS WAS THE \$10,000 PRODUCTION FOR J.C. MILLER, THE WILD WEST SHOW PRODUCER. THE ANNUAL INCOME WAS A MILLION DOLLARS AND 29,000 HIDES, 3000 CALF SKINS AND 10,000 SHEEPSKINS WERE PROCESSED YEARLY. ADVENT OF AUTO, DECLINE OF THE

HORSE AND STOCK INDUSTRY PLUS A DISASTROUS FIRE SET BY A REVENGEFUL BAND OF GYPSIES SPELLED DOOM FOR THIS PIONEER FACTORY. IMMIGRANT GERMANS WERE MAINLY EMPLOYED. I REMEMBER THEIR "BEER BREAK" AND THAT STEADY PROCESSION ACROSS THE ALAMEDA TO A CAFE, NO! I MEAN A SALOON! LOWER RIGHT, SITE OF OUR FOOTBALL FIELD COVERED WITH A "TURF" OF SHAVINGS FROM GROUND UP BARK OF OAK AND LAUREL USED IN TANNING.

EDENVALE: SIX MILES SOUTH OF SAN JOSE MARKED BY THE PALATIAL GROUNDS OF E.A. AND J.O. HAYES, EARLY SAN JOSE MERCURY PUBLISHERS AND PROMINENT VALLEY POLITICIANS. MADE THEIR FORTUNES IN MICHIGAN IRON MINES. BUILT FAMOUS MANSION, PLANTING PARK IN 1887. MANSION NOW IN REAR NOT THE ORIGINAL WHICH BURNED. GROUNDS WERE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. ALL THIS 40 ACRES OF PARK NOW THE FRONTIER VILLAGE, A VERY HIGH CLASS OLD WEST PLAYGROUND. HAYES' ORIGINAL PLANTING CLEVERLY SPARED AND PRESERVED.

EL QUITO: SPANISH FOR "QUITS"! NEVER MIND, TO CHEER PRESENT SQUATTERS, IN EARLY DAYS, VALLEY INDIANS CALLED IT "TITO". RANCHO QUITO WAS GRANTED BY GOV. ALVARADO TO JOSÉ MORIEGA AND FERNÁNDEZ IN 1841. DON JOSE ARGÜELLO PLANTED AN OLIVE GROVE IN THIS SECTION ABOUT 1860. SOME OF THE TREES WERE MOVED TO WORLDS FAIR GROUNDS IN 1939. THIS 81 ACRES OF OLIVES LATER OWNED BY GOODRICH, PRODUCED A GRADE OF OIL FAR SUPERIOR TO THE ITALIAN, WINNING WORLD PRIZES. THE PUBLIC DEMAND NEVER COULD BE SUPPLIED. ALAS, MAN'S LONGEST LIVED, PRODUCTIVE TREES FINALLY SUCCUMBED TO PROGRESS, A LA "BELLE ACRES" OR "BEDSIDE MANOR", ETC.....

EL CAMINO REAL: PREFERABLY THE "ROYAL ROAD", AND NOT THE "KING'S HIGHWAY." ROUTE ALONG COAST (101) LITTLE CHANGED SINCE FIRST "PATHFOUND" BY THE PADRES.

ESCHSCHOLTZIA CALIFORNICA, A HEFTY NAME FOR OUR VALLEY POPPY! THE EARLY SPANIARDS HAD MUCH NICER NAMES, "AMAPOLA" AND COPA DE ORO (CUP OF GOLD), BUT THEIR MOST CHARMING WAS "DORMIDERA", (THE SLEEPY ONE.)



Why the Name...?

FISHER: IN 1820 A NEW ENGLAND LAD BOARDED A CLIPPER SHIP BOUND FOR CALIFORNIA AND CARGO OF HIDES AND TALLOW. ANCHORED IN MONTEREY BAY THIS YOUNG CABIN BOY SAW AND ADMIRER A NEW LAND. IN 1845 HE RETURNED AND FELL IN LOVE WITH SANTA CLARA VALLEY. AN AUCTION WAS IN PROGRESS; THE VAST RANCHO LAGUNA SECA, 4 SQUARE LEAGUES OR 23,040 ACRES. FISHER BID \$1000, THEN \$2000. FINALLY AFTER BIDS OF 3 AND 4 HE REACHED \$6000. HIS COMPETITOR AMERICANS AND MEXICANS TURNED AWAY IN UTTER DISGUST AT SUCH "INSANITY." THE REST IS HISTORICAL SUCCESS. NOW SUBDIVIDED, WILLIAM FISHER'S DESCENDENTS LONG ENJOYED THIS MAN'S COURAGE AND FORESIGHT IN ACQUIRING SUCH AN EARLY VALLEY EMPIRE. LOCATED 12 MILES SOUTH OF SAN JOSE. GIVE A PAUSE. HOW MANY ACRES TODAY FOR \$6000? RIGHT! MAYBE ONE.

FLICKINGER: FEW WILL REMEMBER THIS TRADEMARK,  WORLD FAMOUS FOR QUALITY CANNED FRUIT. THE J.H. FLICKINGER FAMILY OWNED 500 ACRES OF ORCHARD NEAR BERRYESSA AND PIONEERED THIS EARLY CANNERY AROUND 1900. RESIN WAS USED IN CAN SEALING, FOLLOWED LATER BY HAND SOLDERING EACH CAN. OTHER TURN OF THE CENTURY CANNERS; THE WOOL FAMILY, J.F. PYLE AND SOROSIS FRUIT

FORBES MILL: JAMES FORBES IN 1854 BUILT A STONE FLOUR MILL POWERED BY LOS GATOS CREEK TO SERVE THE THEN GREAT ACREAGE OF VALLEY WHEAT. LATER BECAME A POWER HOUSE, ICE PLANT, STOREHOUSE. LOWER STORY STILL VISIBLE DIRECTLY NEXT SANTA CRUZ FREEWAY IN L.G.



FREDRICKSBURG BREWERY SINCE 1869. FALSTAFF NOW OCCUPIES SITE AND ORIGINAL BRICK FRAME STILL INTACT EXCEPT FOR GERMAN STYLE CASTLE TOWERS AND TURRETS THAT FELL IN 1906 QUAKE. ONCE TWO ARTESIAN WELLS ON PROPERTY. ORIGINAL CAPACITY 10,200 BARRELS YEARLY. PRESENT OUTPUT, 2000 BARRELS DAILY!

FREMONT: HISTORIES THOROUGHLY COVER THIS "PATHFINDER OF THE WEST." HE CROSSED AND RECROSSED THIS VALLEY MANY TIMES AS EVIDENCED BY PERPETUATION OF HIS NAME ON STREETS, CITIES, SCHOOLS, MOUNTAIN PEAKS, AND BRAND NAMES. MOST INTERESTING, THE BITTER DISPUTE AMONGST HISTORIANS REGARDING FREMONT'S REAL FAME. ONLY STUDY CAN FORM ONE'S OPINION; GREAT OR NEAR GREAT?

GILROY JOHN GILROY, "SCURVY RIDDEN", SOME CLAIM,  JUMPED SHIP AT MONTEREY IN 1814 AND BECAME THE VALLEY'S FIRST WHITE SETTLER. ALTHOUGH LATER BECAME A NATURALIZED MEXICAN CITIZEN. MARRIED AN ORTEGA SENORITA WHOSE FAMILY OWNED THE HUGE SAN YSIDRO (ĒĒ-SĒĒ-DRŌ) GRANT COVERING THE SOUTHERN END OF VALLEY. CITY OF GILROY NAMED FOR THIS SCOT WHO, DESPITE HIS NATIVE REPUTATION, LIVED IN IDLE CONTENTMENT, SQUANDERED HIS WEALTH AND DIED DESTITUTE, 1869.

GILROY HOT SPRINGS DISCOVERED IN 1865 BY A MEXICAN SHEEPHERD NAMED FRANCISCO CANTAU, BUT SOME HISTORICAL ACCOUNTS CLAIM THAT DE ANZA CAMPED THERE AND MENTIONS IN HIS 1776 TRIP DIARY. AT ONE TIME A HIGHLY DEVELOPED HEALTH RESORT AND HOTEL AREA.



GOAT: C.P. BAILEY RAISED ANGORA GOATS FOR OVER 30 YEARS FOR MOHAIR, FLEECE, GLOVES, ETC. TOOK ALL WORLD'S FAIR PRIZES. KEPT A HERD OF 10,000 AND RAISED MORE MOHAIR THAN ALL OTHER GOAT RAISERS IN U.S. (I AGREE! SO WHAT?)



GOODRICH STONE QUARRY. ONLY HILLSIDE SCARS OFF THE ALMADEN ROAD MARK SPOTS WHERE THE LIGHT BROWN STONE WAS QUARRIED FOR ST. MARY'S CHURCH, HALL OF JUSTICE, LIBRARY (ONCE POST OFFICE) AND STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

GOODRICH

GUBSERVILLE: A FORGOTTEN 1880 STAGE STOP & P.O., SARATOGA-S.C. ROAD. LOST BENEATH A SHOPPING CENTER.

GUADALUPE CREEK, MINES. NAMED BY DE ANZA, 1776. MEANS "WOLF RIVER". GUADA, "RIVER", LUPUS, "WOLF". WHY "WOLF"? I DUNNO.

Why the Name . . . ?

HECKER PASS: HIGHWAY CONNECTING GILROY AND WATSONVILLE. ONCE CALLED THE LAST LINK OF "YOSEMITE TO THE SEA" HIGHWAY. NAMED FOR HENRY HECKER, SUPERVISOR, UPON COMPLETION IN 1928.

LAWRENCE: ROAD AND STATION. FOR 50 YEARS "FAR OUT IN THE STICKS," A FLAG-STOP ON THE S.P. WITH ONLY A TINY DEPOT AND WAREHOUSE.  SEE PHOTO SKETCH.

LICK: GAVE \$400,000 ENDOWMENT FOR LICK'S OBSERVATORY. TO THE VALLEY HE WAS A GENEROUS PHILANTHROPIST AND BENEFactor. BY HIS FEW ACQUAINTANCES HE WAS CONSIDERED CRABBED, COLD, A SOLITARY ECCENTRIC. LICK MADE HIS MILLIONS ABOUT 1847, BUYING SAN FRANCISCO SAND HILLS, SELLING AT FABULOUS PROFITS. TO HIS CREDIT, HE STARTED GIVING IT AWAY IN 1873. FAILURE OF A MAGNIFICENT, ORNATELY FURNISHED FLOUR MILL HE BUILT NEAR ALVISO MADE LITTLE DENT IN HIS FORTUNE, IN FACT SERVED A CERTAIN PURPOSE, SATISFYING A SLUMBERING SPIRIT; AT LEAST HE SENT A PICTURE OF THE MILL EAST TO A YOUNG LADY (AND HER FATHER) WHO ONCE CONSIDERED LICK A "POOR BOY WITH NO FUTURE" AND SPURNED HIS PROPOSALS. HE WAS A PENNSYLVANIA GERMAN (1796-1876). JAMES LICK'S TOMB IS BELOW THE OBSERVATORY DOME.

LINCOLN TO ABRAHAM LINCOLN, SANTA CLARA VALLEY MUST HAVE BEEN A REMOTE CORNER WITH OUR FEW PROBLEMS INSIGNIFICANT COMPARED TO A RAGING CIVIL WAR. (SEE ALMADEN FULL PAGE FOR ONE OF HIS ACTS.)  IN 1865, JUST A MONTH BEFORE HIS ASSASSINATION, HE SIGNED A DEED RETURNING 20 ACRES OF SANTA CLARA MISSION CHURCH LAND, LOST IN SECULARIZATION.

LLAGAS (PRONOUNCED YAH'-GUS) CREEK & SOUTHERN VALLEY DISTRICT. MEANS "WOUNDS." SPANISH NAMED FOR WOUNDS IN HANDS AND FEET OF ST. FRANCIS SIMILAR TO THOSE OF JESUS. REASON FOR NAMING UNKNOWN (TO ME)

LOMA PRIETA (MTN.) FAMILIAR, PROMINENT PEAK IN SOUTHERN RANGE. ORIGINAL NAME MT. BACHE. MEANS "BLACK HILL." ALTITUDE 3,790 FEET. A MORE EXTENSIVE VIEW FROM THIS HEIGHT THAN FROM MT. HAMILTON. IN VIEW, - SALINAS AND SANTA CLARA VALLEYS, SANTA CRUZ, SAN FRANCISCO AND MONTEREY BAY COAST LINE.

LONDON: JACK LONDON WAS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THIS VALLEY. HE ENJOYED FREQUENT VISITS WITH LITERARY FRIENDS, ALSO BICYCLING DOWN FROM OAKLAND ON WEEK ENDS TO MEET A CERTAIN YOUNG LADY. LONDON'S SUCCESS CAUGHT ON FIRE WITH HIS CALL

OF THE WILD. IT SOLD A MILLION AND A HALF COPIES AND FROM A STRUGGLING EXISTENCE, DEMAND FOR MORE OF THE SAME, GAVE HIM A \$75,000 A YEAR INCOME. REMEMBER BUCK, HERO DOG OF CALL OF THE WILD, HALF SHEPHERD, HALF ST. BERNARD? BUCK WAS BORN ON JUDGE BOND'S ESTATE, THEN ON PRESENT SITE OF CARMELITE MONASTERY IN SANTA CLARA. IT IS ALLEGED LONDON AND/OR ACCOMPLICE, SPIRITED BUCK AWAY ONE MOONLIT NIGHT, PUTTING HIM ABOARD A TRAIN AT THE LITTLE OLD COLLEGE PARK DEPOT ON STOCKTON AVENUE. AS A MATTER OF FACT LONDON PRACTICALLY ADMITS IT.

LOS ALTOS MEANS "THE HEIGHTS." COMPARATIVELY A "NEW SETTLEMENT." POST OFFICE ESTABLISHED 1908.

LOS GATOS: A MEXICAN GRANT NAMED RINCONADO DE LOS GATOS, 1840. MEANS "THE ENCLOSED ANGLE (OR CORNER) OF THE CATS." FIRST, FORBES MILL, 1880'S THEN FORBESTOWN, FINALLY LOS GATOS AND FULL LIFE WITH COMING OF THE   RAILROAD IN 1877. SCREAMS OF MOUNTAIN LIONS INFESTING THE HILLS, PROMPTED SPANISH WORD GATOS OR "CATS." HOWEVER, LEO AND LEONA, THE TWO DIGNIFIED AND MAJESTIC SCULPTURED WORKS OF ROBERT PAINE ARE NOT MOUNTAIN LIONS. THEY ARE CALIFORNIA WILD CATS, BOBCATS OR LYNX (SHORT TAILED) THEIR KIND STILL INHABIT THE LOS GATOS MOUNTAINS. "REASONABLE FACSIMILES" ABOVE EXCEPT FOR EXPRESSIONS.

LYNDON HOTEL, GONE BUT STILL FRESH IN MOST MEMORIES. JOHN W. LYNDON ARRIVED IN 1859. A BANKER STOREKEEPER, LUMBERMAN. SUBDIVIDED LOS GATOS AND BUILT MANY MAIN (OLD) BUILDINGS, INCLUDING HIS HOTEL.

MADRONE TOWN 8 MILES S. OF S.J. THE TREE HAS RED BARK, RED SEED, ONE OF OUR BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAIN NATIVES, 20 TO 100 FEET HEIGHT.  SPANISH NAMED IT MADROÑO, "STRAWBERRY" TREE.

Why the Name . . . ?



MANLY: MAN OF TWO VALLEYS, DEATH AND SANTA CLARA. HIS LIFE WOULD FILL AN EXCITING BOOK. FORTUNATELY ONE EXISTS, QUITE A RARITY BUT AVAILABLE IN MOST LIBRARIES. IN THIS BOOK, DEATH VALLEY IN '49, JAMES MANLY MODESTLY BUT TRUTHFULLY RELATES HIS HEROIC RESCUE OF THE BENNETT PARTY IN DEATH VALLEY, WELCOME MEETING WITH KINDLY SPANISH CALIFORNIANS, HIS ADVENTURES IN THE GOLD COUNTRY AND OF LOCAL INTEREST, HIS OBSERVANCE OF THIS VALLEY IN '49. HE PAUSED LONG ENOUGH TO CLIMB BOTH EASTERN AND WESTERN HILLS FOR A LONG LOOK; -GRIZZLY BEAR, WILD CATTLE IN DENSE WILLOW JUNGLES (OF WILLOW GLEN), "WILD MUSTARD HIGH AND STRONG ENOUGH TO SUPPORT CHATTERING SQUIRRELS." AFTER THE GOLD RUSH HE RETURNED TO THIS VALLEY. THOMPSON & WEST'S 1876 ATLAS CLEARLY SHOWS HIS 250 ACRE FARM (JUST SOUTH OF OAK HILL CEMETERY) FOR WHICH HE PAID \$16 AN ACRE. SITE OF HIS TOWN RESIDENCE ON STOCKTON AVENUE IS PRESENTLY DESIGNATED BY A DILAPIDATED HISTORICAL MARKER.

MANZANITA: A REDDISH BARK, EVERGREEN SHRUB VERY COMMON IN OUR LOCAL MOUNTAINS. THE SPANISH NAME IS DIMINUTIVE OF MANZANA OR "APPLE" BECAUSE ITS TINY SEEDS RESEMBLE THAT FRUIT.



MARCELLO: THE FAMOUS SANTA CLARA MISSION INDIAN. RESEARCH ONLY REVEALS EACH HISTORIAN TRYING TO OUTDO THE OTHER WITH LEGENDARY STORIES ABOUT THIS CHARACTER. MAJORITY CLAIM HE LIVED TO 125 BUT S.C. MISSION ARCHIVES (BAPTISMAL RECORDS) SHOW HE DID NOT REACH 100. HIS ORIGIN WAS RATHER MYSTERIOUS BECAUSE HE WAS 6 FEET 2 INCHES, WEIGHING 250, ABOUT DOUBLE SIZE OF AVERAGE VALLEY INDIAN. ON HIS FIRST MISSION VISIT WITH TWO COMPANIONS, HE MET FR. VIADER, QUITE A MAN HIMSELF. FOR SOME REASON THEY DECIDED TO ATTACK THIS PADRE WHO PROMPTLY THRASHED THE TRIO, BUMPED THEIR HEADS TOGETHER AND AS PROMPTLY FORGAVE THEM! THIS SO SURPRISED MARCELLO THAT EVER AFTER HE WAS MISSION'S BEST WORKER, BUILDING FOREMAN AND SERVED AS AN INDIAN ALCALDE (JUDGE). HE MARRIED AT 17 AND AGAIN LEGEND REARS ITS UGLY HEAD. HE FOLLOWED WITH 5 OR 6 MORE MARRIAGES AND STRANGELY, ALL WIVES WERE REMARKABLY SHORT LIVED! WAS MARCELLO'S STAND AGAINST TRIBAL POLYGAMY AND HINTED USE OF GROUND GLASS, PURE FICTION? OR AT AGE 90, DID HE REALLY BITE



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OFF THE EAR OF INYOGO, TRIBAL ALCALDE, WHO HAD STOLEN ONE OF MARCELLO'S LATEST YOUNG WIVES? QUIEN SABE? BUT HE WAS FULL OF EARLY VALLEY AND MISSION HISTORY LORE PARTICULARLY AS TO DISPUTED FIRST TWO S.C. MISSION SITES. AS EVER, MANY HEARD HIS STORIES BUT FAILED TO RECORD THEM. SECULARIZATION GAVE HIM AND HIS TRIBE LARGE GRANTS IN THE ALVISO DISTRICT. MARCELLO SOLD HIS SHARE FOR \$2000. UNKNOWINGLY, HE LIVED HIS LAST DAYS A PENSIONER.

MARK TWAIN: FRESH FROM HIS TRIP TO THE HAWAIIAN ISLANDS, MADE HIS FIRST "TRYOUT" LECTURE IN SAN JOSE IN 1866. IN THE GOLD COUNTRY TWAIN HAD MET A CHARACTER NAMED STEWART WHO HAD A SALOON ON FOUNTAIN ALLEY IN S.J. STEWART WAS KNOWN AS THE "EARTHQUAKE MAN" CLAIMING HE WAS A RELIABLE FORECASTER. HE WAS ALSO A LOYAL ADMIRER OF TWAIN AND COLLECTED EVERY WORD MARK WROTE. CONSEQUENTLY AND PROUDLY HE WAS TWAIN'S HOST AND HELPED PROMOTE A MOST SUCCESSFUL FINANCIAL LECTURE HERE. BUT FOR SOME THOUGHTLESS, ORNERY REASON, WHEN TWAIN RETURNED EAST, HE WROTE A CRUEL, SARCASTIC ARTICLE PICKING POOR STEWART AS VICTIM OF HIS RIDICULE! MONTHS PASSED AND FINALLY STEWART'S EYE FELL ON THIS ARTICLE! HE WAS SURPRISED, HURT, THEN FURIOUSLY ANGRY. HE WROTE A LETTER THAT MUST HAVE BEEN A CLASSIC OF *PURE LITERARY VENOM*! IT ACTUALLY PIERCED THE TOUGH HIDE OF MARK TWAIN WHO IMMEDIATELY DISPATCHED A LONG LETTER OF HUMBLE, ABJECT APOLOGY; EVEN OFFERING TO PROMOTE A BOOK OF "POEMS" STEWART HAD "COMPOSED". ALL WAS FORGIVEN.



MAYFIELD: NOW SOUTH PALO ALTO ONCE CALLED THE MAYFIELD FARM OF E.O. CROSBY. POST OFFICE CALLED MAYFIELD AND TOWN SURVEYED IN 1876.

MCGUFFY READER: THE BEST KNOWN OLD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BOOK. DURING THE WINTER OF 1846, MRS. OLIVE MANN ISBELL, NIECE OF HORACE MANN, THE EDUCATOR, OPENED THE FIRST ENGLISH LANGUAGE SCHOOL IN CALIFORNIA. IT WAS LOCATED ON THE SANTA CLARA MISSION GROUNDS IN AN ADOBE ONCE A STABLE. SHE HAD BROUGHT ACROSS THE PLAINS, THREE SLATES, SEVEN MCGUFFY READERS, TWO ATLASES AND A FEW PENCILS.



Why the Name . . . ?

MCKIERNAN (MOUNTAIN CHARLEY) 1812-1902



AS NAMED BY THE ZAYANTE INDIANS OF THE SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS. ALSO KNOWN AS SILVER SKULL CHARLEY OR HAIR-BRAIN CHARLEY DUE TO THAT FAMOUS ENCOUNTER WITH A BEAR. BORN IN IRELAND, 1812. WORKED WAY

BY SHIP TO SAN FRANCISCO IN 1848. AFTER GOLD MINING, MADE HIS WAY TO THIS VALLEY. FOUND ALL HOMESTEAD LAND TAKEN SO SETTLED CLOSE TO SUMMIT OF SAN JOSE-SANTA CRUZ SUMMIT NEAR CLOUD'S REST. MARTIN SCHULTHEIS AND MCKIERNAN WERE VERY FIRST SETTLERS IN THESE MOUNTAINS. RAISED SHEEP BUT PLAGUED BY LIONS AND BEAR. HUNTED DEER FOR THE S.F. MARKET. ON ONE OF THESE HUNTS IN 1854, A MOTHER BEAR WITH CUB ATTACKED HIM, CRUSHING HIS SKULL. TERRIBLY WOUNDED, HIS PARTNER, TAYLOR AND MARTIN SCHULTHEIS RESCUED HIM. DRS. BELL AND INGERSOLL, WITHOUT ANESTHETIC, CLOSED HOLE IN HIS SKULL WITH A PLATE MADE FROM TWO SILVER MEXICAN HALF DOLLARS. A YEAR LATER, SUFFERING TORTURING HEADACHES, A DR. SPENCER OPENED OLD WOUND AND REMOVED A WAD OF HAIR! HENCE ABOVE NICKNAMES. MCKIERNAN LIVED ANOTHER HEARTY 48 YEARS. THESE MOUNTAINS WERE THEN HAUNTS AND HIDE-OUTS FOR FUGITIVES AND OUTLAWS. WHILE LAWMEN WATCHED, CHARLEY STAGED A RIP-ROARING, REAL OLD WESTERN SHOOTOUT WITH A PAIR OF BANDITS, CAPTURING BOTH. HIS CABIN MARKED, A GIANT REDWOOD AND TOLL ROAD HE BUILT WITH HORSE-SCRAPER, ALL STILL BEAR HIS NAME.

MILLER: (OF MILLER & LUX) OWNED THE RICHEST LAND EMPIRE ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH. CONCERNING EXTENT OF HIS SANTA CLARA VALLEY HOLDINGS HE TESTIFIED IN COURT, "IT WAS AN EXTENT OF TWENTY FOUR MILES NORTH AND SOUTH AND ABOUT SEVEN OR EIGHT MILES EAST AND WEST" PART OF THIS WILL BE RECALLED AS THE OLD BLOOMFIELD RANCH SOUTH OF GILROY. MILLER'S TOTAL HOLDINGS IN OREGON AND CALIFORNIA WERE POPULARLY ACCEPTED AS 14,520,000 ACRES BUT SAWYER CLAIMS 3,000,000 ACRES A CONSERVATIVE FIGURE. HIS LIFE STORY READS LIKE A FAIRY TALE. BORN IN 1827 IN GERMANY, A FARMER BOY, HERDED GEESE. CAME TO CALIFORNIA WITH GOLD RUSH, BUTCHER SHOP IN S.F., PARTNER WITH CHARLES LUX IN CATTLE RAISING. MILLER PURCHASED LAND BY THE SQUARE MILE, OFTEN FOR A FEW CENTS AN ACRE. HE WAS HIGHLY REGARDED BY RICH AND POOR FOR HIS

HONESTY AND GENEROSITY AND HIS TREMENDOUS AID IN CALIFORNIA LAND DEVELOPMENTS. HENRY MILLER LIVED TO AGE 90. IN APPEARANCE HE WAS GENERAL GRANT'S DOUBLE.



MILPITAS: DIMINUTIVE OF MILPAS, OR "CORN," HENCE "LITTLE CORNFIELDS." MILPITAS VILLAGE IS SHOWN ON PLAT OF RINCON DE LOS ESTEROS GRANT OF 1858. FOR 75 YEARS A VERY "RURAL" DISTRICT. BUTT OF MANY VAUDEVILLE JOKES SUCH AS ELECTION TIME PUN, "AS MILPITAS GOES, SO GOES THE NATION." BUT MILPITAS HAS HAD THE LAST LAUGH. NOW THE NATION DOES "GO" ON THE ONCE "LITTLE CORNFIELDS" PRODUCTS, FORD AND NEIGHBORING GENERAL MOTORS.

MISSION CREEK: A ONCE IMPORTANT LITTLE WATERWAY, NOW COMPLETELY LOST AND FORGOTTEN. MUCH OF THE LAND SOUTH OF SANTA CLARA-SAN CARLOS STREETS TO ALVISO WAS SATURATED WITH MARSHES, SPRINGS AND LITTLE LAKES AS SHOWN ON ALL OLD MAPS, CIRCA 1860. MISSION CREEK HEADED FROM A LARGE SPRING IN HANCHETT PARK AREA, FLOWED ACROSS THE ALAMEDA PAST PRESENT BREWERY, PICKING UP A BROOK FROM STOCKTON AVENUE. IT FOLLOWED EAST SIDE OF THE ALAMEDA WATERING FR. CATALA'S WILLOWS, FED COOK'S POND, MEANDERED PAST PRESENT PRATT-LOW CANNERY, REFRESHED THE OLD ORIGINAL S.C. MISSION PEAR ORCHARD AND FINALLY JOINED THE GUADALUPE.

MONTAVISTA: MEANS "MOUNTAIN VIEW." ANOTHER COMPARATIVELY NEW SETTLEMENT, A TURN OF THE CENTURY SUBDIVISION. IN VALLEY HISTORY, KNOWN AS DE ANZA'S 1776 CAMP GROUND THUS RESPONSIBLE FOR NAMING THE PROPOSED DE ANZA COLLEGE.

MONTEBELLO: WESTERN FOOTHILL DISTRICT MEANING "BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAIN".

MONTGOMERY JOHN MONTGOMERY PERFECTED A GLIDER THAT MADE FIRST CONTROLLED FLIGHT IN THE U.S. DAN MALONEY, HIS TEST PILOT, WAS LIFTED 4000 FT. BY A HOT AIR BALLOON, CUT LOOSE AND EXECUTED EVERY FREE FLIGHT MANEUVER. 1905 FLIGHT WAS FROM SANTA CLARA COLLEGE GROUNDS, (MONUMENT), LANDING AT PREDESTINED SPOT, POPLAR AND ALVISO STS. MONTGOMERY MADE 50 SUCCESSFUL FLIGHTS. FINALLY KILLED AT EVERGREEN, 1911.



Why the Name . . . ?

MOODY GULCH: ABOVE LOS GATOS TO RIGHT OF HIGHWAY IN A CANYON. OIL DISCOVERED IN 1873 BY R.C. MCPHERSON. AS LATE AS 1922 THE OIL WAS SOLD IN SAN JOSE IN SMALL QUANTITIES. WHILE UNDEVELOPED, AN OIL BELT IS APPARENT FROM HERE THROUGH ALMADEN TO BREA FIELDS OF SARGENTS AND CHITTENDEN.

MORGAN HILL: NOT AS A NEWCOMER MIGHT THINK, THE NAME OF HILL OVERSHADOWING THE TOWN. OWNING THE ORIGINAL TOWNSITE AND SURROUNDING TERRITORY, MARTIN MURPHY (1844) WILLED THIS TO DAUGHTER DIANA WHO MARRIED A MORGAN HILL. SOME HISTORIANS CLAIM PORTOLA HAD FIRST VIEW OF S.C. VALLEY FROM THIS HEIGHT.

MT. HAMILTON: 28 MILES FROM S.J. ALT. 4,200 FT. NAMED FOR A SAN JOSE PREACHER, REV. L. HAMILTON WHO HAD ACCOMPANIED BREWER AND HOFFMAN IN 1861 ON A SURVEYING EXPEDITION. HE WAS FIRST TO REACH THE SUMMIT. THEY WERE UNAWARE IT WAS ALREADY NAMED MT. ISABEL OR THAT IT LACKED 14 FEET OF BEING THE HIGHEST PEAK. AND SO,—THE OBSERVATORY IS ACTUALLY ON MT. ISABEL PEAK! HOWEVER THE U. S. GEODETIC SURVEY HAS ALLOWED THE ENTIRE MOUNTAIN ELEVATION TO BE CALLED MT. HAMILTON.

MT. MADONNA: WEST OF GILROY. ALT. 1897 FT. HENRY MILLER, THE CATTLE KING, BUILT A MANSION ON THIS HEIGHT WHERE HE VACATIONED AND FROM WHERE, AS FAR AS EYE COULD REACH, HE MIGHT SURVEY HIS KINGDOM. HIS ENTIRE HOLDINGS WERE TWICE THE AREA OF BELGIUM.

MT. UMUNHUM: DIRECTLY SOUTH OF S.J. WITH THAT REVOLVING RADAR GUARDING US. PRONOUNCED "OOMOONOOON". UNCERTAIN BUT COMMONLY ACCEPTED,—AN INDIAN WORD MEANING "HUMMING BIRD". IN THEIR MYTHOLOGY, (LOCAL COSTANOAN TRIBE), THE EAGLE, COYOTE AND HUMMING BIRD CREATED THE WORLD.

MT. VIEW: ONCE A STAGE STOP ON ROAD TO S.F. 1864 COMING OF SOUTHERN PACIFIC MOVED TOWN ONE MILE NORTH, LEAVING "OLD MT. VIEW." POP. 1898-900.

MURPHY: MARTIN MURPHY, SENIOR AND JUNIOR, LEFT ST. JOSEPH MISSOURI WITH 100 WAGONS AND REACHED CALIFORNIA IN 1844, TWO YEARS AHEAD OF THE DONNER PARTY. IN FACT THIS ILL FATED BAND USED CABINS IN THE SIERRAS BUILT BY THE MURPHYS. THE SENIOR MURPHY SETTLED ON A GRAND ESTATE NEAR THE MONTEREY ROAD'S OLD 21 MILE HOUSE. JUNIOR MURPHY BOUGHT AN ENORMOUS TRACT EMBRACING THE ENTIRE SUNNYVALE TERRITORY. THEIR HOUSE WAS CUT AND FRAMED IN BOSTON AND SHIPPED AROUND THE HORN IN '49. FAMOUS FOR THEIR ENTERTAINMENT OF EVERY PROMINENT PUBLIC FIGURE VISITING THIS VALLEY INCLUDING BAYARD TAYLOR, SUBJECT OF LATER COMMENT. NEEDLESS TO SAY THE HOUSE WAS RECENTLY REMOVED.

NOTRE DAME: CATHOLIC COLLEGE FOR YOUNG LADIES ON SANTA CLARA STREET WHERE NOW DE ANZA HOTEL STANDS. ORGANIZED 1851. COVERED 10 ACRES.

NOVITIATE: TRAINING SCHOOL FOR JESUIT PRIESTS. ORGANIZED 1866. TWO HUNDRED ACRES, VISIBLE HIGH ABOVE LOS GATOS ON A MOUNTAIN BENCH. SURROUNDED BY HILLSIDE VINEYARDS PRODUCING THE HIGH QUALITY NOVITIATE BRAND TABLE WINES.

NOSTALGIA: MEANING A LONGING TO RETURN. WE HOPE THIS BOOK HAS NOT GIVEN SUCH AN IMPRESSION! A NOSTALGIC OLDSTER CAN BE AN AWFUL BORE, SPECIALLY TO THE YOUNGER GENERATION. HE HARPS ONLY ON THE GOOD IN THE "GOOD OLD DAYS" AND IGNORES THE BAD. TRY A BALANCE SHEET OF PROS AND CONS. TRUE, THE OLD VALLEY WAS QUIET, PEACEFUL, WITH NO TRAFFIC OR SMOG PROBLEMS. FOLKS SEEMED MORE FRIENDLY. PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION WAS FAR SUPERIOR TO TODAY'S. PRICES WERE LOW. SO WERE WAGES. ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE LEDGER, OVERWORKED MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN, FORTUNATELY WITH NO IDEA OF CONVENIENCES TO COME, LUXURIES WE ACCEPT TODAY WITH VERY LITTLE APPRECIATION. WE FORGET THAT LACK OF SANITATION AND REFRIGERATION. WE FORGET PEOPLE, PERHAPS OLD RELATIVES, WHO, IN THEIR PRIME, SUFFERED DISEASES AND TORTURES THAT MODERN SURGERY OR DRUGS COULD NOW CURE OR RELIEVE. THIS BOOK WAS SIMPLY AIMED TO BE INFORMATIVE. HOWEVER, SHOULD SOME SENIOR CITIZEN READER BE NOSTALGICALLY AFFECTED, GOOD!

Why the Name . . . ?

OAK HILL CEMETERY CONTAINS ONE OF THE BEST PIONEER SECTIONS IN THE STATE. IT HAD BEEN USED AS A PUBLIC BURYING GROUND (SPANISH AND INDIAN) SINCE 1839. BUT THE OLDEST HEADSTONE IS 1850. HERE LIE THE REEDS, DONNERS, DR. CORY, OUR FIRST DOCTOR AND PIERRE PELLIER, TO WHOM WE OWE OUR MULTI-MILLION DOLLAR PRUNE INDUSTRY. IN TOTAL THERE ARE NOW OVER 60,000 INTERMENTS. MORBIDLY, OFTEN OUR STEPS LEAD TO THE DRAMATIC DUNHAM MURDER VICTIMS' LAST RESTING PLACE, DRAB STORY PREVIOUSLY RELATED.

MARY DONNER HOUGHTON
1826-1860

O'CONNOR'S SANITARIUM WAS SITUATED WHERE NOW SEARS IS LOCATED. OUR OLD HISTORIAN, EUGENE SAWYER, MENTIONS ITS AREA AS 14 ACRES SURROUNDING AND FOREVER PROTECTING. . . . LITTLE DID THIS GOOD MAN FORSEE "PROGRESS." IT WAS A BEAUTIFULLY LANDSCAPED INSTITUTION ENDOWED BY THE HON. M. P. O'CONNOR, IRISHMAN, A HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL '49 MINER, ATTORNEY AND STATE LEGISLATOR. ERECTED 1887 AND ADMINISTERED BY THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL. WELL KNOWN RELOCATION.

PACHECO PASS: LINKING SAN JOAQUIN AND SANTA CLARA VALLEYS. FRANCISCO PÉREZ PACHECO CAME TO CALIFORNIA FROM MEXICO IN 1819. THE FATHERS OF SAN JUAN BAUTISTA GAVE HIM PERMISSION TO SETTLE ON CHURCH LANDS EXTENDING UP INTO THE PASS. HE RECEIVED FINAL GRANT IN 1833 AND HIS BROTHER JUAN IN 1843 TO THE RANCHOS SAN LUIS GONZAGA AND ALISAYMAS Y SAN FELIPE. THESE PROPERTIES EXTENDED ACROSS THE MOUNTAIN PASS INTO MERCED COUNTY, THOUSANDS OF UNSURVEYED ACRES. DON JUAN, IN HIS HACIENDA ON THAT FIRST CROSSING OF THE CREEK, 9 MILES NORTH OF HOLLISTER, ALWAYS WORE A MEXICAN SERAPE WITH A HOLE TO PUT HIS HEAD THROUGH. THIS TYPICAL DON KEPT \$9000 OR \$10,000 IN GOLD COIN IN A BARREL, A COMMON PRACTICE AMONGST WEALTHY SPANISH-CALIFORNIANS. THE BARRELS WERE SELDOM TAPPED UNTIL WE AMERICANS CAME.

PALO ALTO: MEANS "HIGH TREE", THE LONE REDWOOD AT CITY'S CREEK AND RAILROAD CROSSING. MENTIONED IN DIARIES OF FR. FONT, PALOU AND DE ANZA. TOWN LAID OUT IN 1891 FOR BENEFIT OF THE NEWLY FOUNDED STANFORD UNIVERSITY.

PELLIER: LOUIS PELLIER, VINE AND FRUIT GROWER IN FRANCE, CAME TO SAN JOSE IN 1849. AFTER A MINING STINT, ESTABLISHED A NURSERY ON SAN PEDRO STREET CALLED PELLIER'S GARDENS. IN 1850 HIS BROTHER PIERRE BROUGHT THE FIRST PRUNE CUTTINGS FROM FRANCE. NOT ACCEPTED AT FIRST, IT WAS LATER POPULARIZED BY JOHN ROCK, PIONEER NURSERYMAN. NEVER WAS OR WILL BE POPULAR WITH WRITER, SHOWN ABOVE, 1901.



PENITENCIA CREEK FLOWING FROM ALUM ROCK PARK TOWARD BERRYESSA. SO NAMED BECAUSE THE PADRES IN MISSION DAYS HEARD PENITENTS MAKE CONFESSIONS IN A SMALL ADOBE NEAR MOUTH OF THE CANYON.

PENINSULAR RAILWAY: FOR THIRTY YEARS, SWIFT, CONVENIENT ELECTRIFIED TRANSIT TO ALL PARTS OF THIS VALLEY. TO DATE, WE HAVE NOTHING TO COMPARE. THE LONG RED CARS WERE CALLED "BIG RED'S" AND TRAVELLED 60 MI. AN HOUR TO CAMPBELL, LOS GATOS, SARATOGA, CUPERTINO AND PALO ALTO. LIFE SPAN-1904-1934 ENDED BY AUTOS.

PERMANENTE CREEK AND CANYON. SPANIARDS USED THE WORD TO DESIGNATE A WATER COURSE FLOWING YEAR ROUND. NAME DATES BACK TO 1839 WHEN CREEK WAS DIVIDING LINE BETWEEN GRANTS OF MARTIN MURPHY JR. AND MARIANO CASTRO, EACH OWNING 4000 ACRES. THE WORD MAY SOON BE AN "ALMOST FORGOTTEN" AS CEMENT COMPANY USING THE NAME HAVE DROPPED IT. BUT THE STEEP LITTLE CREEK CLIMBED UP AND DOWN BY WRITER 60 YEARS AGO FISHING FOR "BLACK RAINBOWS," STILL FLOWS SEAWARD, THROUGH A CORRUGATED, GALVANIZED PIPE.

PLUMBING: (OUTDOOR) WITH APOLOGIES TO ANY PRUDISH READER, WE INCLUDE THIS LITTLE REST ROOM, NECESSARY outhouse FOR THOUSANDS OF OLD VALLEY COUNTRY HOMES. AN UNABASHED WEBSTER STILL CALLS IT A PRIVY. IT MIGHT BE SAID THEY WERE ANCESTORS OF TODAY'S PORTABLE HOUSES, AT LEAST EVERY HALLOWEEN. THEY CAME IN ALL MODELS; ONE SEATERS, TWO SEATERS, SOME WITH AN UNDERSLUNG RUMBLE SEAT FOR SMALL JUVENILES. STANDARD READING ROOM EQUIPMENT, -SEARS OR WARD CATALOGUES.

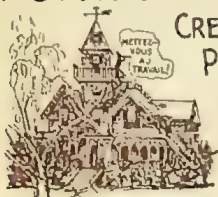


Why the Name . . . ?

PLUMBING (INDOOR) NO FEW OLD VALLEY FARMERS "SHOWERED" EVERY MORNING. MOST 1900 COUNTRY FARMHOUSES HAD NO BATH ROOM AND BATHING COULD BE QUITE A CHORE. DID ANY OLDSTER READER EVER STEP OUT OF ONE OF THOSE GALVANIZED WASHTUB SQUARELY UPON A CAKE OF IVORY SOAP? AND HAVE MAMA PICK PINE SPLINTERS FROM YOUR TENDER WHITE BOTTOM? HERE'S ONE LITTLE KNIGHT OF THE BATH DID! SATURDAY NIGHT, THAT IS.



PORTAL: A ONCE PROMINENT ESTATE ON STEVENS CREEK ROAD, MANSION NOW "REMOVED". LOUIS PORTAL, A WEALTHY FRENCHMAN, ARRIVED IN 1850. HE PURCHASED 400 ACRES AND PLANTED LARGE VINEYARDS IN 1860. USED CAPTAIN'S-WALK AROUND ORNATE CUPOLA OF HOUSE AND A POWERFULL TELESCOPE TO DETECT SLOW VINEYARD WORKERS. REFUSED RIGHT-OF-WAY TO A RAILROAD BECAUSE IT MIGHT DISTURB AGEING OF HIS WINES. AFTER DEVASTATING VINEYARD BLIGHT OF 1910-15 RETURNED TO FRANCE. PROMINENT RELATIVES REMAINED.



QUAKERS: INSERTED BECAUSE WRITER SO RAISED. AS YOU DRIVE ACROSS OVERPASS TOWARD SANTA CLARA ON THE ALAMEDA YOU CAN SEE THIS LITTLE CHURCH ON THE NORTH BANK. IT IS THE FRIEND'S MEETING HOUSE, A QUAKER CHURCH IN CONTINUOUS USE SINCE 1885. THIS WAS THE CONSERVATIVE OR ORTHODOX BRANCH, NO MUSIC, NO PASTOR, ONE SQUIRMED UPON HARD BENCHES UNTIL SOME ELDER "GOT THE POWER". THEY WERE NO DOUBT ELOQUENT BUT WRITER WAS TOO YOUNG TO APPRECIATE MUCH BUT THE "SEMI-ANNUAL" DINNERS, QUAKER COOKING SUPREME. A YOUNG MAN ATTENDING STANFORD, WAS TAKEN ILL AND CARED FOR BY QUAKER JOEL BEAN. THE YOUNG MAN, ALSO A QUAKER, ATTENDED THIS CHURCH. HIS NAME, - HERBERT HOOVER.



QUICKSILVER (ADDENDA TO THE ALMADEN PAGE.) CAST IRON FLASKS SHOWN BEING FILLED, WEIGHED

76 POUNDS EACH. ONE LAYER OF THESE CYLINDERS ON THE BED OF A HAY WAGON WAS A FULL LOAD FOR FOUR HORSE TEAM TRANSPORTING THIS MERCURY FROM MINES TO ALVISO OR RAILROAD. THAT'S WHY WE KIDS CALLED MR. WELCH, ONE OF THESE TEAMSTERS, "THAT MAN WHO (APPARENTLY TO US) ALWAYS DRIVES AN EMPTY WAGON."

RENGA: ANOTHER NAME ALSO INSERTED ENTIRELY FOR WRITER'S PERSONAL SATISFACTION. NEXT DOOR TO THE OLD TOWER SALOON ON MARKET ST. WAS RENGAS, A TINY HOLE-IN-THE-WALL CANDY STORE, MY BOYHOOD HANGOUT. THERE WERE NICER CANDY STORES, - OBRIEN'S, MRS. RUDOLPH'S, THE CHOCOLATE SHOP, YES, SHORTY HINDS. BUT RENGAS PRICES WERE FLEXIBLE, A THREE SIZE CHOICE OF ICE CREAM "SODYS", 5, 10 AND 15¢. WHILE MR. RENGAS NO DOUBT WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR AN EARLY SET OF FULL DENTURES, HIS GENEROUS, STRIPED BAGS OF HAND PULLED PINK TAFFY ARE STILL REMEMBERED, DESPITE THEIR TENDENCY TO TRIGGER OFF ONE WHALE OF A FIVE-CENT-BELLYACHE.



RICARD, FATHER RICARD OF SANTA CLARA COLLEGE, A RESPECTED AND EMINENT METEOROLOGIST. HIS WEATHER PREDICTIONS WERE BASED ON VARIATION INTENSITIES OF SUN SPOTS. THIS WAS PERIOD 1907-30. HIS DEDUCTIONS WERE GIVEN WIDE SPREAD AND SERIOUS ACCEPTANCE BY OLD VALLEY ORCHARDISTS AND FARMERS. HE HAD A SANTA CLARA RIVAL IN WEATHER PROGNOSTICATION (OK, - FORECASTING) AND HIS NAME WAS SING KEE. WE SHALL ARRIVE AT SING KEE'S LAUNDRY AT THE PROPER ALPHABETICAL SEQUENCE.

SAN FELIPE: VALLEY NEAR GILROY NAMED FOR THE ORIGINAL GRANT. OF PASSING INTEREST BECAUSE IN 1898 TOBACCO WAS GROWN THERE, PRODUCING 1200 POUNDS PER ACRE. THERE WAS A CIGAR FACTORY IN GILROY.

SAN JOSE: NAMED FOR SAINT JOSEPH BY LT. MORAGA OF THE DE ANZA PARTY, 1777, "PUEBLO DE SAN JOSE DE GUADALUPE". THIS MEANS "THE TOWN OF SAN JOSE ON THE WOLF RIVER". HISTORICAL MATERIAL AVAILABLE IN ALL LOCAL LIBRARIES.

SAN JOSE MISSION: FOUNDED 1779 POST OFFICE IN TOWN ESTABLISHED 1850. COMPARATIVELY, THE MISSION IS OF LESSER TOURIST ATTRACTION BUT ITS EARLY HISTORY IS INTERESTING AND EXCITING.

Why the Name . . . ?

SANTA CLARA SAINT CLEAR, SAINT BRIGHT. A NAME HONORING SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI, THE FIRST FRANCISCAN NUN (ORDER OF POOR CLARES). THE MISSION WAS NAMED MISSION SANTA CLARA DE ASSISI, JAN. 12, 1777. BOTH TOWN AND COUNTY FELL HEIR TO NAME ABOUT 1850.

SARATOGA MARTIN McCARTHY, ONE OF THE EARLIEST SETTLERS, TOOK UP A QUARTER SECTION HERE IN 1849. FIRST POST OFFICE 1855. TOWN PLANNED 1863. NAMED SARATOGA BECAUSE THE SPRINGS ABOVE TOWN HAD SAME "FLAVOR" AS THE FAMOUS CONGRESS SPRINGS OF SARATOGA, N.Y.

SARGENT: MOST SOUTHERN OF COUNTY'S EARLY SETTLEMENTS. BOTH MILLER AND J.P. SARGENT OWNED GREAT RANCHOS HERE, SARGENT'S COVERING A "MERE" 10,000 ACRES. WHEN S.P. ARRIVED IN 1869 THIS WAS A MOST IMPORTANT SHIPPING POINT FOR ALL THE SURROUNDING TERRITORY.

ST. JAMES PARK: LITTLE KNOWN FACT THAT THIS PARK WAS PLANNED IN 1848 BY THE THEN RULING MEXICAN GOVERNMENT WHO GAVE C.S. LYMAN ORDERS TO SURVEY. NOW BISECTED BY A STREET, IT BEARS LITTLE RESEMBLANCE TO ORIGINAL OLD FASHIONED, FLOWERED LANDSCAPE WITH STATUES, GAS LAMPS, FOUNTAINS, LAZY FAT GOLD FISH AND SPOUTING DOLPHINS.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST HILLS: OR SAN JUAN BAUTISTA HILLS, AN ALMOST FORGOTTEN NAME OF ROLLING HILLS JUST SOUTH OF OAK HILL CEMETERY. A LARGE WOODEN CROSS STOOD ON SUMMIT MARKING A NOW COMPLETELY LOST 1870 GRAVEYARD. GRAVE OF LOUIS PELLIER, BROTHER OF PIERRE, IS SOMEWHERE IN THIS FORGOTTEN 12 ACRES.

SAN TOMAS AQUINAS: CREEK AND DISTRICT. NAMED BY SPANIARDS FOR ST. TOMAS AQUINAS.
WHO ELSE PRAY TELL?!

SAN MARTIN: MARTIN MURPHY, EARLIEST SETTLER NAMED TOWN FOR HIS PATRON SAINT.
ENOUGH OF THESE OBVIOUS MILLERS!

SILK DON LOUIS PREVOST, NURSERYMAN IN EARLY '50'S HAD DREAMS OF A NEW INDUSTRY. WHILE BACKED BY STATE FUNDS TO RAISE SILKWORMS, A DRY CYCLE KILLED LARGE PLANTINGS OF MULBERRY TREES.

BATTLE OF SANTA CLARA: IF YOU SEARCH YOU CAN FIND THIS 1847 EVENT WELL COVERED IN CALIF. HISTORIES. BUT HERE IS A SHORT SCENARIO. THIS BRIEF CONFLICT, BORDERING THE COMIC OPERA LEVEL, TOOK PLACE JUST PREVIOUS TO TERMINATION OF MEXICO'S HOLD ON CALIFORNIA. MEXICAN LEADERS WERE ALARMED AT TIDE OF AMERICAN SETTLERS, TOO MANY OF WHOM FELT MIGHT MEANT RIGHT, (INCLUDING GEN. FREMONT.) BATTLEFIELD WAS AREA NORTHWEST OF SANTA CLARA, BOUNDED BY KIFER AND LAWRENCE ROADS, SCOTTS BLVD. AND HWY. 101. THE 250 MEXICANS LEAD BY FRANCISCO SANCHEZ WERE RECRUITED FROM LOCAL RANCHOS. THE 101 AMERICANS WERE COMMANDED BY CAPTAIN WEBER AND LT. MURPHY. SANTA CLARA MISSION WAS FORTIFIED, WOMEN AND CHILDREN BROUGHT WITHIN. ROADS WERE BLOCKED WITH TREES CUT FROM THE ALAMEDA. THE POPULACE OF SANTA CLARA WATCHED FROM HOUSETOPS AS "BATTLE WAS JOINED." AMERICANS HAD ADVANTAGE OF ARTILLERY, A TINY HAND-DRAWN CANNON FIRING A 6 POUND BALL. IT ONLY FRIGHTENED THE HORSES. WITH A THIRD SHOT, BARREL KICKED OFF AND ARTILLERY SHYLY BURIED ITSELF IN DEEP ADOBE MUD. THROUGH ACRES OF HEADHIGH WILD MUSTARD, THE BATTLE "RAGED" AT A CAREFUL AND CAUTIOUS LONG RANGE. SANCHEZ WAS FINALLY DRIVEN INTO THE LOS GATOS MOUNTAINS AND SURRENDERED. THE CONFLICT MOVED TO OTHER FIELDS, AS THE BEAR FLAG INCIDENT. WITHIN A FEW WEEKS ALL STRIFE WAS FORGOTTEN AND SOLDIERS FROM BOTH SIDES WERE BACK TOGETHER ON THEIR RANCHOS ON BEST OF FRIENDLY, NEIGHBORLY TERMS. CASUALTIES, - FOUR MEXICANS KILLED, ONE AMERICAN WOUNDED, ONE CANNON LOST.

SING KEE: SANTA CLARA'S FAMOUS LAUNDRYMAN AND WEATHER PROPHET ABOUT 1905-1915. BASED HIS PREDICTIONS ON ATTITUDE OR REACTIONS OF A PET TOAD KEPT IN HIS BACK ROOM! HERE, 'T WAS SAID, ONE MIGHT ALSO MARK A LOTTERY TICKET. HIS PREDICTIONS WERE SO REMARKABLY ACCURATE, SING WAS DAILY FEATURED IN S.J. AND S.F. NEWSPAPERS. IF IN DOUBT, HIS FAVORITE REMARK, - "MEBBE LITTY LAIN, MEBBE LITTY SUN. So FATHER RICARD AND SING KEE HAD THEIR FOLLOWERS WHO SOWED AND REAPED ACCORDING TO SUN OR TOAD. MEANWHILE THE OLD U. S. WEATHER BUREAU FINISHED A POOR THIRD.



Why the Name . . . ?

SKINNER: A TIP FOR NEWCOMERS AND THEIR BACK YARD FAMILY-ORCHARDS. SANTA CLARA VALLEY IS NOT AN "APPLE VALLEY" BUT THERE IS ONE IDEAL VARIETY, BOTH FOR EATING OR COOKING. THIS IS THE SKINNER SEEDLING, THE SEEDS BROUGHT ACROSS THE PLAINS BY JUDGE HENRY SKINNER IN 1850. STOCK SCARCE, MIGHT BE LOCATED IN LARGE NURSERIES.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY ESTABLISHED IN 1885 BY LELAND STANFORD (1824-1893), BUILDER OF RAILROADS, GOVERNOR OF CALIFORNIA AND U.S. SENATOR. THE NAME LELAND STANFORD JUNIOR UNIVERSITY IS IN MEMORY OF MR. AND MRS. STANFORDS' SON WHO DIED IN 1884.

STEVENS CAPTAIN ELISHA STEVENS, 1801-1884, OF THE STEVENS-MURPHY-TOWNSEND OVERLAND PARTY OF 1844 SETTLED ON THE CREEK OF HIS NAME IN THE 1850'S ON THE PRESENT BLACKBERRY FARM SITE. HIS FOUR ACRES OF MISSION GRAPES CONSIDERED FIRST VINEYARD PLANTED IN THIS REGION. ELISHA, A TRUE FRONTIERSMAN, ONCE TREATING HIS NEIGHBOR CAPTAIN GRANT (GRANT ROAD) TO RATTLESNAKE MEAT "GOOD AS CHICKEN". WITH FEELINGS A HUNDRED YEARS IN ADVANCE OF HIS TIME, ABOUT 1860, ELISHA COMPLAINED THE COUNTRY "TOO DURN CIVILIZED" AND MOVED TO WILDER ENVIRONMENTS. COULD HE NOT TODAY GATHER DISCIPLES WITH THE SAME URGE? IN THE COPY ABOVE OF A RARE OLD PHOTOGRAPH, HE CLUTCHES A HUGE BOWIE KNIFE. GRIZZLY FLAT, A FEW MILES ABOVE, ON HIS CREEK, WAS NOT FALSELY OR IDLY NAMED.



STEVENS CREEK ROAD: ("BOULEVARD") STILL ROAD TO THE FEW WHO REMEMBER WHEN A RUNAWAY WAS THE ONLY EXCITEMENT ON THIS OLD

GRAVELLED THOROUGHFARE. IF IT WAS WIDE IN SPOTS IT WAS BY NECESSITY OF MAKING NEW WAGON TRACKS AROUND MUD HOLES. FOR THIS SAME REASON, PIONEERS CLAIMED "THE ROAD TO SAN FRANCISCO WAS THREE MILES WIDE." EXCEPT FOR A FEW UNBROKEN TRACTS OF ORCHARD, THE PRESENT "BOULEVARD" BEARS NO RESEMBLANCE TO THE ONE WRITER DROVE BY HORSE-AND-BUGGY OVER 60 YEARS AGO.



GONE, THE REDWOOD PICKET FENCES BORDERING EVERY ORCHARD, GRAINFIELD AND VINEYARD. GONE, THE WATER TANKS WHERE SPRINKLING-WAGONS FILLED TO SUBDUCE THE CHOKING DUST. GONE, THE WATERING-TROUGHS WHERE OUR SWEATY OLD HORSE COULD BURY HIS MUZZLE IN THE COOL WATER SWIMMING WITH LONG GREEN MOSS; NOISY FROGS HIDING IN THE CATTAILS AND DAMP DARKNESS BELOW ALWAYS LEAKING TANKS, DARTING DRAGONFLIES, RED-WING BLACKBIRDS, DIVING SWALLOWS AND THOSE SAD CRIES OF DISTANT KILLDEER. GONE, THE ONE ROOM COUNTRY SCHOOLS, PORTAL'S MANSION, BLACKMAR'S AND SAM STORM SALOONS AT THE "CORNERS", TURKEY-SHOOTS UNDER THE OAK GROVES, JESS BOLLINGER AND BAER'S BLACKSMITH SHOPS. GONE, GOOD ALEX MONTGOMERY, "MAYOR" OF CUPERTINO AND HIS SCREAMING PEACOCKS. ON AND UP INTO THE MOUNTAINS ABOVE SODA ROCK AND GRIZZLY FLAT, GONE INJUN JOE WITH HIS SECRET GOLD MINE AND LITTLE DAVE, THE SHINGLE-SPLITTER AND CHARCOAL-BURNER, MEN OF DELIGHTFUL MYSTERY. GONE THE MUSICAL HAME BELLS OF THE PICCHETTI AND BORDI WOOD-WAGONS WARNING THAT NERVOUS HORSE-AND-BUGGY PICNICKER. ONLY DEEP CLIFF AND THE SOFT CONTOURS OF THE HAZY BLUE MOUNTAINS, STILL UNCHANGED. REGRETS? NO, LUCKY. WE SAW IT WHEN.

STEVENS CREEK DE ANZA CAMPED ON THIS CREEK MARCH 25, 1776, NOT FAR FROM THE SITE OF ELISHA STEVENS HOME. THIS HAS BEEN PROVEN BY A LEAD PLAQUE FOUND NEAR THE MONTA VISTA WINERY IN 1906 SHORTLY AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE. THERE ARE LIVING PIONEERS WHO SAW THIS PLAQUE AND CAN FURNISH PROOF OF ITS EXISTENCE. DE ANZA NAMED CREEK ARROYO DE SAN JOSE DE COPERTINO. COPERTINO WAS HOME TOWN OF ST. JOSEPH IN ITALY BUT MOST REFERENCES USE LATIN "CUPERTINO."

Why the Name . . . ?

STRICKLETT: INSERTED SOLELY FOR BASE BALL FANS. ELMER STRICKLETT WAS THE INVENTOR OF THE SPITBALL PITCH AND USED FOR THREE SEASONS WITH BROOKLYN DODGERS, 1905 THROUGH 1907. HE PITCHED FOR SAN JOSE IN THE OLD STATE LEAGUE DURING 1908 AND 1909; FINALLY A VALLEY ORCHARDIST. HIS WET PITCH OUTLAWED BUT SLYLY LINGERS.



SUNNYVALE ONCE "MURPHY'S STATION". A 1900 SUBDIVISION BY W.F CROSSMAN WITH SLOGAN "THE CITY OF DESTINY." SLUMBERED FOR YEARS. NOW THE DREAM IS FULFILLED AND ONLY OCCASIONALLY DISTURBED BY TRAFFIC NIGHTMARES.

SUÑOL WE CAN BE PROUD OF THIS NOBLE CITIZEN. DON ANTONIO SUÑOL CAME TO SAN JOSE IN 1818. HE WAS OWNER OF RANCHOS IN ALAMEDA COUNTY AND MARRIED DOLORES BERNAL, HEIRESS TO THE VAST SANTA TERESA ESTATE SOUTH OF S.J. ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT DISCOVER MERCURY ORE, HE WAS FIRST TO WORK ALMADEN MINES IN 1824. HE WAS SAN JOSE'S FIRST POSTMASTER, 1846, AND AN ALCALDE. GAVE SITE FOR ST. JOSEPH CHURCH. UNLIKE SO MANY OF OUR SPANISH-CALIFORNIA DONS IN DEALING WITH AND ALWAYS LOSING TO AMERICANS, DON SUÑOL COULD OUT-TRADE THE SHARPEST GRINGO, INCLUDING SUTTER! HE DIED A VERY WEALTHY MAN.

TAYLOR: IT SEEMS NO HISTORICAL WRITING ON THIS VALLEY IS COMPLETE WITHOUT QUOTING BAYARD TAYLOR, WORLD FAMOUS POET AND WRITER, A VISITOR TO SANTA CLARA VALLEY IN THE 1850'S. . . . HE LOVED IT! HIS EXPRESSIONS ARE FLOWERY, IMPASSIONED WORD PAINTINGS, TYPICAL OF THAT ERA. AND REMEMBER, BELOW WAS WRITTEN OVER 100 YEARS AGO WHEN THIS MAN SAW SANTA CLARA VALLEY AT THE VERY PEAK OF ITS NATURAL UNSPOILED BEAUTY. READ THESE SAMPLE LINES. THEN LET YOUR REACTIONS SIMMER. EXAMPLES: "HOW SHALL I DESCRIBE A LANDSCAPE SO UNLIKE ANYTHING ELSE IN THE WORLD? . . . GIANT SYCAMORES, TRUNKS GLEAMING LIKE SILVER. . . . PARK-LIKE GROVES OF OAKS. . . . IN THE DISTANCE, REDWOODS RISING LIKE TOWERS. . . . A MOUNTAIN CHAIN, FULL LIGHTED BY THE SUN, ROSE COLORED, TOUCHED WITH VIOLET SHADOWS. . . . I INDULGE IN ANOTHER DREAM. . . . I MAY LIVE TO

SEE IT BEFORE MY PRIME IS OVER. . . . SAN JOSE BUT FIVE DAYS DISTANT FROM NEW YORK. . . . CARS WHICH WILL SPEED ON UNKNOWN RAIL FROM THE MISSISSIPPI TO THE PACIFIC. . . . THEN LET ME BUILD A COTTAGE. . . . EMBOWERED IN ACACIA, EUCALYPTUS AND TALL SPIRES OF ITALIAN CYPRESS. . . . THERE SHALL MY NIGHTINGALE SING. . . . MY ORANGE BLOSSOMS SWEETEN THE AIR. . . . I HAD ANOTHER GRANDER DREAM. . . . ONE HUNDRED YEARS HAD NOW PASSED AND I SAW THE VALLEY HUMMING WITH HUMAN LIFE. . . . MANSIONS FAIR AS TEMPLES. . . . STATUES PEEPING FROM THE BLOOM OF LAUREL BOWERS. . . . I SAW A MORE BEAUTIFUL RACE. . . . SYMMETRY AND GRACE OF THE GREEK RESTORED. . . . Milder manners. . . . KEENER APPRECIATION OF ALL THE ARTS WHICH ENRICHEN AND EMBELLISH LIFE. WAS IT ONLY A DREAM?"

(OUR READER WILL HAVE HIS OR HER PRIVATE OPINION.)

TOWER:



SAN JOSE ELECTRIC TOWER WAS A MOST CONSPICUOUS LANDMARK. BUILT IN 1881.

IT STOOD 10 STORIES HIGH, ITS IRON TUBING STRUCTURE TAPERING FROM FOUR CORNERS OF MARKET AND SANTA CLARA STREETS. FOR A LIFE OF 36 YEARS IT HELPED TO ILLUMINATE THE BUSINESS SECTION UNTIL RUST AND A WIND STORM CAUSED ITS DOWNFALL. THE 24000 CANDLE POWER LAMPS AT PEAK OF TOWER GAVE MOST BRILLIANT LIGHT AT THAT TIME IN THE U.S.A. ITS FAME SPREAD ABROAD AND CITIZENS WERE PROUD TO SEE IT WRITTEN UP IN HARPERS WEEKLY. CHRISTMAS TIME ITS GIANT TREE SHAPE WAS STRUNG WITH COLORED LIGHTS AND FOURTH OF JULY ITS TOP PLATFORM SERVED AS A LAUNCHING PAD FOR FIREWORKS. DUCKS? STORY GOES, WHEN TOWER FIRST ERECTED, DUCKS, THEN IN DENSE MORNING FLIGHTS, WOULD STRIKE THE TOWER DURING A HEAVY FOG. ONE HAD BUT TO PICK UP A MESS OF DUCK FOR DINNER! WRITER BELIEVES IT.

TRUCKEE: CHIEF TRUCKEE CONSIDERED SAN JOSE A WINTER RESORT! HE HAD GUIDED THE QUIVEY FAMILY ACROSS SIERRAS IN '49. GRATEFULLY, HE WAS INVITED TO BE A GUEST IN THEIR 4TH. ST. HOME. UNEXPECTEDLY, HE ACCEPTED! FOR MANY WINTERS, TRUCKEE & FAMILY MADE FOOT-TREK TO A WICKIUP BUILT IN QUIVEY'S BACKYARD!

Why the Name . . . ?

UVAS: CREEK AND SOUTHERN VALLEY DISTRICT. MEANS "GRAPE". PRONOUNCED OO'-VAS. SPANIARDS PROBABLY NAMED BECAUSE OF THE WILD GRAPES GROWING ALONG THIS STREAM.



VENDOME HOTEL WAS A HOSTELRY OF WHICH EARLY SAN JOSEANS MIGHT WELL BE PROUD. BUILT 1888, IT WAS SET IN PARK-LIKE LANDSCAPED ACRES ON NORTH FIRST STREET. THE FOUR STORIES WERE "QUEEN ANNE" DESIGN IN KEEPING WITH THE ORNATE STYLE OF THAT PERIOD. HOSTED ALL THE NOTABLE OLD VALLEY VISITORS, HIGHLIGHTED BY A RECEPTION FOR PRESIDENT WILLIAM MCKINLEY AND HIS CABINET, 1904. EARTHQUAKE OF 1906 INFLECTED SEVERE DAMAGE AND THE AREA LATER BECAME A RESIDENTIAL SECTION.



VILLAMARIA: LOCATED AT MOUTH OF STEVENS CREEK CANYON BELOW THE DAM. 320 ACRES PURCHASED BY SANTA CLARA COLLEGE IN 1870. DEVELOPED 75 ACRES OF GRAPES AND OLIVES, A WINERY, WORKERS' HOMES, CHAPEL AND RETREAT FOR JESUIT FACULTY. THOSE PINE TREES BY ROADSIDE WERE PLANTED BY VINCENT PICCHETTI ALMOST A HUNDRED YEARS AGO. ORIGINALLY GOVERNMENT LAND, THE FIRST DEEDS WERE SIGNED BY PRESIDENT GRANT IN 1869. NATIVES ALWAYS REFER TO IT AS THE "FATHERS' VILLA".



VICTORY THEATER ERECTED BY SENATOR JAMES D. PHELAN IN 1899. STILL OPERATING. NEXT FEW DECADES SAW ON STAGE SUCH THESPIANS AS MAUDE ADAMS, BILLIE BURKE, E.A. SOTHERN, ROBERT MANTEL, ANNA HELD, GEO. M. COHAN, ETHEL BARRYMORE, JULIA MARLOWE, NAT GOODWIN, SCORES MORE INCLUDING SEVERAL OPERA COMPANIES. ALL THE BEST TOURING ROAD SHOWS WERE HERE AND HIGH CLASS VAUDEVILLE. STAGE WAS ONE OF FEW ON COAST LARGE ENOUGH TO PRESENT WITH TEAMS OF HORSES, THE BEN HUR CHARIOT RACE. STILL OPEN IS THE JOSE BUILT IN 1904 WITH ED REDMOND 10-20-30¢ STOCK COMPANY, NEW PLAY EACH WEEK. CAN BE PLEASANTLY REMEMBERED. CORNY? YES, BUT WE DIDN'T KNOW IT. MANY OTHER OLD THEATERS; EMPIRE, HIPPODROME, GARDEN, T&D, UNIQUE, LYRIC, ALL GONE.



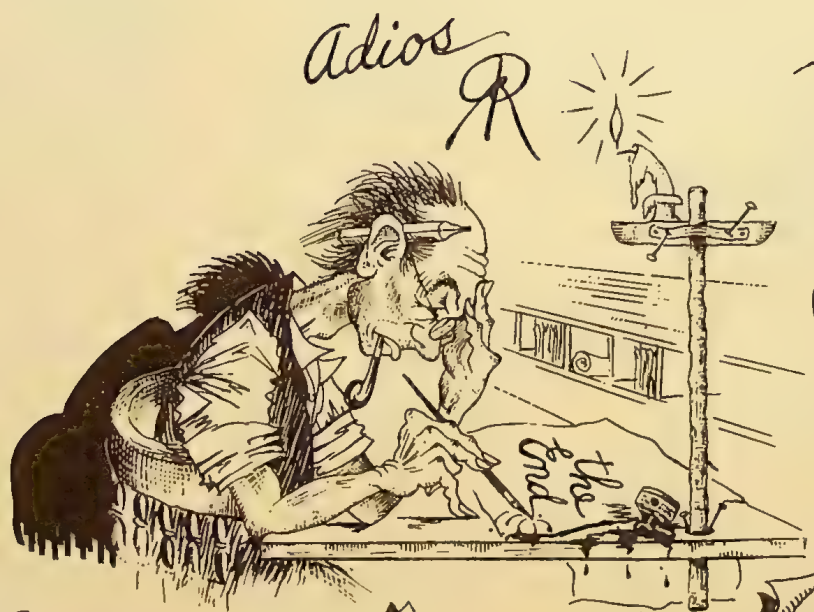
WOOLEN MILLS: THE SAN JOSE WOOLEN MILLS OPERATED 1870, WHEN SHEEP RAISING WAS AN IMPORTANT OLD VALLEY INDUSTRY. LOCATED IN NORTHERN PART OF EARLY SAN JOSE. WITH 43 EMPLOYEES, YEARLY PRODUCED 144,000 YARDS OF CASHMERE, 64,000 YARDS OF FLANNEL AND 5000 PAIRS OF BLANKETS.

WRIGHTS: S.P. MOUNTAIN STATION ON ABANDONED S.J.-SANTA CRUZ RAILROAD. NAMED FOR JAS. WRIGHT, EARLY SETTLER. SURPRISINGLY, AN EARLY DAYS SHIPPING POINT, TWO CARS OF FRESH FRUIT SHIPPED DAILY. 3200 ACRES OF ORCHARDS IN THIS VICINITY. MANY R.R. TUNNELS ON THIS SCENIC LINE WERE BLASTED BY THE ARMY FOR "PRACTICE" DURING WORLD WAR I. (PASSING THOUGHT. COULD THIS LOW LEVEL TRAIN ROUTE HAVE BEEN CONVERTED INTO ANOTHER ROAD TO SANTA CRUZ?) HERE IS AN INTERESTING WRIGHT'S SIDELIGHT: AMBROSE BIERCE, NOTED SATIRIST AND SHORT-STORY WRITER LIVED NEAR WRIGHTS FOR SOME YEARS. HE OFTEN BICYCLED TO SAN JOSE. THEN CAME HIS MYSTERIOUS, UNSOLVED DISAPPEARANCE. SAWYER, OLD HISTORIAN, CLAIMED TO HAVE ANSWER. BIERCE WENT TO MEXICO IN 1913, JOINING THE CARRANZA SIDE. VILLA FORCES CAPTURED HIM AND IN 1915 HE FACED A FIRING SQUAD. A PHOTO FURNISHED PROOF.

ZITHER

END OF ALPHABET REACHED AND NO OLD VALLEY Z's! SO ALLOW US TO IMPROVISE WITH A "PERSONAL". WHEN WRITER WAS A LITTLE BOY, A ZITHER SALESMAN CAME TO OUR RANCH HOME. ZITHERS WERE POPULAR THEN AND HOW THIS KID LONGED FOR ONE. AND THESE ZITHERS WERE EXTRA-SUPER! SIMPLY SLIP A SHEET OF NOTES UNDER THE STRINGS AND "LEARN TO PLAY IN 10 EASY LESSONS". THIS SALESMAN DEMONSTRATED ABLY WITH A MOST HEART RENDING ANNIE LAURIE. DAD WAS AFFECTED BUT NOT TOUCHED TO TUNE OF \$14.99, EVEN WITH 10 EASY LESSONS THROWN IN! WITH MUSICAL CAREER SO HALTED, I RECALL WEEPING. SOMETIME AFTERWARD, I HEARD MY AGED QUAKER GRANDMOTHER QUAVERINGLY ASK MY MOTHER, "DORA, THE GOOD BOOK SAYS IN HEAVEN WE SHALL PLAY ON HARPS. NOW THEE KNOWS I AM NOT MUSICAL. DOES THEE THINK I COULD EVER LEARN TO PLAY ON A HARP?"..... SHUCKS, I THOUGHT, OF COURSE GRANDMA COULD, AND, ACCORDING TO THAT ZITHER SALESMAN, IN ONLY TEN EASY LESSONS, TOO! ON THAT SAD MUSICAL NOTE, WE END.





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